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THE SYNOD OF NEW YORK

A. D. 1911.

The Synod of New York met, according to appointment, in the Central Church, Auburn, N. Y., on Tuesday, October 17th, 1911, at half past seven o'clock, P. M., and was opened with a sermon by the Moderator, Rev. James Robertson, of the Presbytery of Saint Lawrence, from Joshua 13:1 "Now Joshua was old and well stricken in years, and the Lord said unto him, thou art old and stricken in years and there remaineth yet very much land to be possessed."

After the sermon, the Synod was constituted with prayer.

The Roll was called, and the following Ministers and Ruling Elders were found to be present as duly appointed delegates from the Presbyteries:

ROLL OF THE SYNOD.

I. PRESBYTERY OF ALBANY.

Ministers.	*Ruling Elders.*
David O. Mears, D.D.,	Henry J. Staley,
Henry T. McEwen, D.D.,	Harry Sherburne,
Spencer M. Adsit,	William P. Betts,
Edward A. McMaster,	Charles P. Rooney,
Samuel G. Parent,	James T. Sweetman, M.D.,
J. Valdemar Moldenhauer, (2).	Frank N. Gray.

II. BINGHAMTON.

James A. Anderson, (2),	Franklin L. Goodenough.
Alvin C. Sawtelle,	
Andrew J. Lydal.	

III. BOSTON.

Martin D. Kneeland, D.D.,
James Todd, D.D.,
Herbert A. Manchester,
Lester M. Conrow,
Malcolm L. MacPhail.
Daniel Morrison,
Charles W. Weller, (2),
William Cowan.

IV. BROOKLYN.

William G. Davenport,
Carl Podin,
William B. Gates, (2),
Harry S. Zimmerman,
F. LeRoy Brown,
Herbert H. Field,
E. Frank Lee.
Cyrus M. Staples,
George P. Conard,
Charles F. McWhorter,
Charles P. Oakley.

V. BUFFALO.

Henry Ward, D.D.,
W. Closson McGarvey,
Louis F. Ruf,
W. Hamilton Benham,
Carl H. Dudley,
Ralph K. Hickok.
Horace Briggs, Ph.D.,
N. L. Otis, M.D.,
Henry Lapp, M.D.,
William S. Talcott,
W. A. Hart,
Charles S. Butler, D.D.S.

VI. CAYUGA.

E. Lloyd Jones,
Robert H. Nichols,
Cassius J. Sargent.
Charles G. Adams,
Hon. Judson W. Hapeman, (2).

VII. CHAMPLAIN.

John A. MacIntosh, (2),
John B. Kelley, (2).

VIII. CHEMUNG.

Charles T. White, D.D.,
John D. Warren.
John G. Griffin.

IX. CHILE.

X. COLUMBIA.

James C. Dorward. Oswald R. Coe.

XI. EASTERN PERSIA.

XII. GENESEE.

Louis A. Pierson, Harwood A. Dudley,
William V. TeWinkel. Edgar L. Miller.

XIII. GENEVA.

John McColl, D.D., George C. Prichard, M.D.,
William P. Schell, Francis A. Rugar, (2).

XIV. HUDSON.

Francis S. Haines, Hon. Augustus Denniston,
Robert O. Kirkwood, D.D., Clarence G. Seward.
Joseph MacInnes,
William B. Johnson.

XV. LONG ISLAND.

Arthur Newman, Joseph H. Randall,
William T. Edds, John H. Breitstadt.
William H. Lloyd.

XVI. LYONS.

John C. Langford, Frank H. Closs.
Warren J. Johnson, (2).

XVII. NASSAU.

Samuel H. Seem, Albert B. Ten Eyck.
Robert G. Leetch.

XVIII. NEW YORK.

Wilton Merle Smith. D.D., (2),
George S. Webster, D.D.,
David G. Wylie, D.D.,
John C. Palmer, D.D., (2),
Williams Adams Brown, D.D., (2),
Huie Kin,
Albert L. Evans,
Joseph W. Miller,
Russell S. Gregory.
Silas F. Hallock, M.D.,
Robert Abbott,
Joseph E. Messenger,
James E. Anderson,
William M. Murray,
Henry C. Smith,
James L. Beyea, M.D.,
John A. Park,
H. W. Schwartz, M.D.

XIX. NIAGARA.

George C. Frost,
Benjamin M. Swan,
Daniel M. Geddes.
A. M. Eddy,
D. J. Wells.

XX. NORTH LAOS.

XXI. NORTH RIVER.

Charles G. Ellis, Ph.D.,
John McNab, (2).
Backus Hoag,
Carroll D. Parry.

XXII. OTSEGO.

James H. Robinson, D.D.,
Howard Cornell,
Randall Pease.
W. Everett Barnes,
Robert Blair.

XXIII. PORTO RICO.

XXIV. ROCHESTER.

Newton J. Conklin,
Caleb H. Rodney,
William Sangree,
John B. White,
Theodore M. Carlisle,
John B. Funnell.
James A. Byers,
Thomas Dransfield,
Charles E. Hotaling,
Norman Milliman,
W. Grant Ensign,
Gamble Wilson.

XXV. ST. LAWRENCE.

William F. Skinner,
William H. Bruins,
Willard F. Randolph.
Rufus L. Sisson,
John M. Gilmour,
J. I. Van Doren.

XXVI. SIAM.

XXVII. STEUBEN.

Evan R. Evans, Ph.D.,
Joel C. Glover,
W. Francis Berger.
Othniel Preston,
Albert R. B. Miller.

XXVIII. SYRACUSE.

Isaac O. Best,
Frederick W. Fuess,
David L. Roberts,
George C. Hitchcock, (2).
William Moody,
Martin E. Barlow,
F. E. Clarke.

XXIX. TROY.

George Fairlee, D.D.,
C. Waldo Cherry,
Charles E. MacGinness, Ph.D.
William R. Ottman.

XXX. UTICA.

J. Howard Hobbs, D.D.,
Louis G. Colson,
Benjamin B. Knapp,
Charles M. Dodge,
Aurelian A. Post.
Frederick O. Harter,
Frank W. Kirkland,
John A. Jenkins,
Arthur Hay.

XXXI. WESTCHESTER.

William J. Cumming,
Charles S. Lane,
Howard A. Johnston, D.D.,
Paul Stratton.
Charles G. Mead,
Charles P. Cowles,
Floyd Q. White,
Ralph E. Prime, LL.D.,
Elijah C. Sniffin.

Rev. Martin D. Kneeland, D.D., of the Presbytery of Boston was chosen Moderator and was duly inducted into office.

Rev. Joel C. Glover of the Presbytery of Steuben and Rev. Frederick W. Fuess of the Presbytery of Syracuse, were chosen Temporary Clerks.

Rev. Frederick W. Palmer, D.D., chairman of the Committee of Arrangements, extended a hearty welcome to the Synod on behalf of the churches and citizens of Auburn. In accordance with his recommendation, the standing rule as to the time of holding devotional services was suspended and it was ordered that the Sessions of the Synod should begin at nine o'clock, A. M., with a hymn, scripture and prayer and that the last fifteen minutes of the morning session should be spent in devotional exercises.

After prayer, Synod adjourned until nine o'clock, Wednesday morning.

Wednesday, October 18, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Synod met and was opened with a hymn, a passage of scripture and prayer.

The Roll was called and delegates not previously enrolled, marked (2), were reported present.

The Minutes of Tuesday evening's Session were read and approved.

The Moderator announced the appointment of Elder Horace Briggs, Ph.D., as Vice-Moderator, and the following Standing Committees.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

1. Bills and Overtures:

Ministers—James Robertson, James Todd, Robert H. Nichols, George S. Webster, Evan R. Evans, William T. Edds, Charles M. Dodge, Louis F. Ruf.

Elders—Thomas Dransfield, Harry Sherburne, Frank H. Closs, Harwood A. Dudley, Martin E. Barlow, Clarence G. Seward, Albert R. B. Miller, Charles F. McWhorter.

2. Judicial Business, Gen. Ralph E. Prime, Chairman:

Ministers—James H. Robinson, Howard Agnew Johnston, Henry Ward, Newton J. Conklin, Isaac O. Best, John McColl, David G. Wylie, William H. Lloyd.

Elders—Henry Lapp, James T. Sweetman, Augustus Denniston, John G. Griffin, Norman Milliman, Arthur Hay, W. Everett Barnes.

3. Minutes of the General Assembly:

Ministers—Malcolm L. McPhail, Louis G. Colson, Robert G. Leetch.

Elders—Silas F. Hallock, D. J. Wells.

4. Finance:

Elders—Rufus L. Sisson, William Cowan, Oswald R. Coe, Franklin L. Goodenough, Joseph H. Randall.

5. Leave of Absence:

Ministers—Lester M. Conrow, W. Hamilton Benham, William P. Schell, Harry S. Zimmerman, Carl Podin.

Elders—Daniel Morrison, Charles E. Hotaling, Charles G. Adams, Albert B. Ten Eyck.

6. Nomination of Visitors to Colleges and Seminaries:

Ministers—Herbert A. Manchester, Charles G. Ellis, William G. Davenport, Carl H. Dudley, Cassius J. Sargent.

Elders—John M. Gilmour, Charles W. Weller, John A. Jenkins, J. I. Van Doren.

7. Nomination of Woman's Synodical Committee:

Ministers—David O. Mears, C. Waldo Cherry, Randall Pease, Herbert H. Field, Ralph K. Hickok.

Elders—John H. Breitstadt, Robert Abbott, Carroll D. Parry, D. J. Wells.

8. Nomination of the Trustees of Synod:

Ministers—Charles S. Lane, J. Howard Hobbs, Samuel G. Parent, David L. Roberts, F. LeRoy Brown.

Elders—Charles P. Cowles, William S. Talcott, Henry J. Staley, Charles P. Oakley.

9. Committee to Collate Reports on the Records of Presbyteries:

Ministers—W. Closson McGarvey, Edward A. McMaster, E. Lloyd Jones.

Elders—James L. Beyea, William R. Ottman.

ON THE RECORDS OF THE PRESBYTERIES.

1. Albany: *Ministers*—George Fairlee, Cassius J. Sargent; *Elder*—W. A. Hart.

2. Binghamton: *Ministers*—Lester M. Conrow, William V. TeWinkel; *Elder*—Harry Sherburne.

3. Boston: *Ministers*—Spencer M. Adsit, Samuel K. Seem; *Elder*—Joseph H. Randall.

4. Brooklyn: *Ministers*—Francis S. Haines, Joseph W. Miller; *Elder*—William M. Murray.

5. Buffalo: *Ministers*—Russell S. Gregory, Benjamin M. Swan; *Elder*—Clarence G. Seward.

6. Cayuga: *Ministers*—George C. Frost, Randall Pease; *Elder*—D. J. Wells.

7. Champlain: *Ministers*—Paul Stratton, Aurelian A. Post; *Elder*—Robert Blair.

8. Chemung: *Ministers*—Benjamin B. Knapp, David L. Roberts; *Elder*—Charles G. Mead.

9. Chile: (No records).

10. Columbia: *Ministers*—Charles E. MacGinness, Willard F. Randolph; *Elder*—Frank W. Kirkland.

11. Eastern Persia: (No records).

12. Genesee: *Ministers*—Samuel H. Seem, E. Frank Lee; *Elder*—Albert B. Ten Eyck.

13. Geneva: *Ministers*—Howard Cornell, John D. Warren; *Elder*—Norman Milliman.

14. Hudson: *Ministers*—J. Howard Hobbs, Malcolm M. McPhail; *Elder*—Charles P. Rooney.

15. Long Island: *Ministers*—William J. Cumming, Carl Podin; *Elder*—Floyd E. White.

16. Lyons: *Ministers*—Charles M. Dodge, F. LeRoy Brown; *Elder*—Frederick O. Harter.

17. Nassau: *Ministers*—Louis F. Ruf, Isaac O. Best; *Elder*—William S. Talcott.

18. New York: *Ministers*—Herbert A. Manchester, William Sangree; *Elder*—Daniel Morrison.

19. Niagara: *Ministers*—William H. Bruins, Herbert H. Field; *Elder*—J. J. Van Doren.

20. North Laos: (No records).

21. North River: *Ministers*—Charles T. White, Andrew J. Lydal; *Elder*—John G. Griffin.

22. Otsego: *Ministers*—David O. Mears, John B. White; *Elder*—W. Grant Ensign.

23. Porto Rico: *Ministers*—Alvin C. Sawtelle, William G. Davenport; *Elder*—George P. Conard.

24. Rochester: *Ministers*—Ralph K. Hickok, William P. Schell; *Elder*—Charles P. Cowles.

25. St. Lawrence: *Ministers*—John B. Funnell, John D. Warren; *Elder*—William Cowan.

26. Siam: (No records).

27. Steuben: *Ministers*—Theodore M. Carlisle, Caleb H. Rodney; *Elder*—Henry J. Staley.

28. Syracuse: *Ministers*—Edward A. McMaster, Randall Pease; *Elder*—Charles P. Oakley.

29. Troy: *Ministers*—William Sangree, Aurelian A. Post; *Elder*—Gamble Wilson.

30. Utica: *Ministers*—Charles G. Ellis, Frederick L. Fuess; *Elder*—William R. Ottman.

31. Westchester: *Ministers*—C. Waldo Cherry, Joel C. Glover; *Elder*—William Moody.

The Committee of Arrangements recommended the printed programme, as the docket for this meeting of Synod, subject to such changes as may be necessary during its progress, and it was so ordered.

Overtures and other documents and the Records of the Presbyteries were called for, and placed in the hands of the Stated Clerk.

On the recommendation of the Stated Clerk the following papers and overtures were referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures:

1. A paper from the Presbytery of Otsego relative to the transfer of the church at Pine Hill from that Presbytery to the Presbytery of North River.

2. An Overture from the Presbytery of Boston relative to erecting the Synod of New England.

3. An Overture from the Presbytery of Chemung requesting the Synod to devote more of its time to devotional exercises.

4. An Overture from the Presbytery of Rochester requesting the Synod to appoint a Synodical Missionary for the colored people of our state.

5. A paper from Princeton Theological Seminary relative to the celebration of its centennial.

To the Committee on Judicial Business was referred a complaint of Rev. Edward Eells against the action of the Presbytery of Boston.

A telegram from the Presbyterian Brotherhood of America was read and the Moderator was authorized to reply.

The Committee on the Place of Meeting for 1912 reported a most cordial invitation from the First Church of Watertown.

The invitation was accepted with thanks, and the pastor and session were constituted a Committee of Arrangements for the meeting.

The Committee on the Presbyterian Brotherhood presented the following report which was accepted and its recommendations were adopted:

The Presbyterian Brotherhood, as an organization of our church, has completed a five year tenure of life. And has it justified its right to be, to live?

When Wendell Phillips was asked "Is Christianity a failure?" he replied, "It has never been tried." The Brotherhood has not found every church door with the latch string hanging on the outside.

Some have regarded it as the addition of still another wheel, where wheels did already so abound as to retard progress. And others have conceived it to be lacking in "objective," as having no definite goal, as being without a clear cut, positive, masculine program.

These criticisms have all been well meant, and their ministry has been as "the wounds of a friend." But the Brotherhood, we rejoice to say, has proven a burden of blessing wherever it has been welcomed and worked by "a band of men whose hearts God had touched."

It is not an organization that may be expected to run automatically.

As a wheel, so to speak, it requires the oil of action and a high gear of enthusiasm, if it is to get anywhere. Every church in our Synod, even though it may have only a few men, offers a field for Brotherhood activities. And every church needs it, that the inert energies of Kingdom men may be mobilized, spiritualized, vitalized and economized for Christian conquest.

"The army that remains in the trenches is beaten," says a military expert. To restore the Bible to its lost place, to revive the habit of prayer, to renew devotion to the church are aims worthy of aspiration and perspiration. The Bible, prayer and the church, and all that these entities mean to the complex life of the Twentieth Century—to these bulwarks of the home, of society and of the nation; the Brotherhood pledges its constancy and fidelity.

And the Brotherhood's reason for existence is to make these three virile forces operative in the personal, domestic, social, industrial and civic life of Presbyterian men.

Its call is to "put on the whole armor of God" and to "quit ourselves like men."

"The times imperatively demand," says Dr. Jowett, "the military attitude of the soul."

The true function of the Brotherhood, as stated by the President, is "to promote and stimulate men's loyalty to the church, and to every organized activity in and through the church, for the doing of all the things that the church ought to do."

We cannot make an accurate report of the actual number of Men's Societies in the Synod. Reports have been received from 106 churches. Through cor-

respondence with the headquarters at Chicago and using the reports for 1910, we find at least 203 churches have some form of organized activity for men. There are doubtless many more of the remaining 765 churches which have Men's Associations, Clubs, Brotherhoods, or Bible Classes.

The Men and Religion Forward Movement, with its intensive nation wide program and campaign, covering eight months with a five year outlook, if not new in its thought, *is* entirely new in its expression and adoption of the power of the gospel.

Of the 76 cities which are to be the centers of its operations, 12 are within the bounds of our Synod: Boston, Brooklyn, Buffalo, Hartford, New York, Portland, Providence, Rochester, Springfield, Syracuse, Worcester, and Montreal in Canada.

May not the excellent spirit and general plan, if not the comprehensive scope of the greatest religious movement of modern times, be advantageously adopted in the smaller cities and even individual churches?

Every city, village, hamlet and rural church should at once become connected by a net-work of "live wires," a group of consecrated men, with this dynamo of aggressive Christianity.

One Presbytery, that of Chemung, reports that such steps have been taken.

The Brotherhood endorses this Movement.

The Treasurer of our National Council, Charles T. Thompson, is Vice-President of the Executive Committee.

And a score or more of Presbyterian men, several from our own Synod, and most, if not all of them active Brotherhood men, are members of the Committee of 97.

"There remaineth much land to be possessed." Was there ever a more opportune time for girding ourselves anew with the invincible sword of the Spirit, and for applying to the world's need, the principles of our Christian, our Presbyterian Brotherhood through the men of our churches.

We would recommend:

1. That the Synod commends the Men and Religion Forward Movement to the earnest co-operation of our churches and men's organizations.

2. That we urge each church, through its session, to examine carefully the principles and purpose of the Presbyterian Brotherhood and in some way, to introduce the same into their church life and activity.

3. That a representative of the Synod be delegated to attend the National Brotherhood Convention in New York City in the spring of 1912, (date not yet determined).

4. That, as far as possible churches should adopt the Brotherhood name for their Men's organizations and become affiliated with the national organization.

5. That thirty-five dollars be granted from Synodical funds for the expenses of this Committee.

The interests of the American Tract Society were presented by Rev. Dr. E. H. Lovett, Field Secretary of the Society. In this connection the following minute was adopted:

The Synod has listened with deep interest to the report of the work of the American Tract Society, and earnestly commends the deliverance of the last General Assembly as follows:

"The General Assembly believes in and heartily endorses the work of the American Tract Society. We look upon it as one of our own Agencies in bringing the world to a knowledge of Christ as the Redeemer of sinners. We think of its work as our work, and rejoice in its successes. We desire to aid in supplying its needs.

We urge all of our Churches to place it upon their lists of annual benevolent offerings, and appeal to all who are constrained by the love of Christ to give to it liberally and regularly, and to remember it in their testamentary gifts."

The Committee on Evangelistic Work presented its report and the following recommendations were adopted. Pending their adoption, addresses were made by Rev. Messrs. Charles M. Dodge, Robert H. Nichols, Ph.D., Howard Agnew Johnston, D.D., and William Adams Brown, D.D.

The recommendations are as follows:

1. The church is again urged to emphasize the work of personal evangelism as the most productive and most permanent sort of evangelistic effort.

2. That the plan suggested by the Evangelistic Committee of Synod for the employment of pastors at large for presbyteries or groups of presbyteries be approved and the Synodical Mission Committee of Synod be instructed to consider the ways and means for adopting such a plan and as soon as practicable put such a plan into action in an experimental manner.

3. That the Synod suggest to Presbyteries that the reason for the separate work of Evangelistic Committees has largely ended and that they be advised to merge their work with the Synodical Mission Committees and that the Evangelistic Committee of Synod be discharged.

The Committee on Judicial Business reported on the Complaint of Rev. Edward Eells against the Presbytery of Boston as follows:

To the Synod of New York:

The Committee on Judicial Business respectfully report.

We have considered the papers in the matter of the complaint of Rev. Edward Eells against the action of the Presbytery of Boston refusing him a letter of dismission to the Presbytery of Westchester.

We find the papers in order.

We recommend the following:

1. That the complaint be entertained by Synod, and

2. That the complaint of Rev. Edward Eells against the Presbytery of Boston be referred to a judicial commission for trial and that the Moderator appoint such commission.

The report of the Committee on Judicial Business was approved and the Moderator appointed the same Committee a Judicial Commission to issue and try the case.

The Woman's Synodical Society of Home Missions presented the following report which was accepted and the thanks of the Synod were tendered the Society for the efficient work it had done during the year:

The Woman's Synodical Society in presenting this, its Twenty-Ninth Annual Report, to your Venerable Body, does so with pleasure and a sense of encouragement for the future.

To carry forward this great Home Mission work, through schools, teachers and scholarships, in order to better the conditions of the Freedmen and the exceptional populations, North, South, East and West, as well as to uplift and help the Foreign Element coming to our land, we report receipts as follows: From Churches, Women's Missionary Societies, Young Ladies' Societies and Bands, Young People and Endeavor Societies and Sabbath Schools, $64,644.60. The Emergency Fund received $346.00 and $14,772.86 were contributed to the Freedmen. Total, $79,763.46.

This sum does not quite equal the record of 1909–1910. We regret this, but because of it we are not disheartened in view of these facts, viz.,

Our Women's Societies (696) are more than existed in 1909–10. Twenty-five thousand, nine hundred and eighty-nine members show a gain of five hundred more than a year ago.

Young Women's Societies and Westminster Guilds have lost no organizations and report a membership of 2,322 young people. There are a few less Bands but those belonging to them number 3,384.

When we consider this army of workers, women, young women and children, among whom there is a circulation of 5,368 copies of the *Home Mission Monthly* and 2,222 copies of Over Sea and Land, we may well thank God and take courage and look for an abundant harvest in the days to come. An added source of certitude of this, is, that there are 70 Home Mission Study Classes, a larger number than in 1909–10. With knowledge comes power, and hearts and hands must respond in gifts, as people learn of conditions which make their benefactions indispensable.

There are a few less Cradle Rolls reported. A discordant note is struck as there is noted a loss, where there should be a decided gain. There is a decrease in the number of contributing Sabbath Schools. Think of it, only 271. A greater interest on the part of Pastors and Superintendents, as appeals come to them from the Assembly's and Woman's Boards of Home Missions, would soon duplicate the number of Sabbath Schools giving, regularly, to Home Missions.

No report is now required, annually, by our Woman's Board of the boxes sent out by the Auxiliaries of our twenty-six Presbyterial Societies. Notwithstanding, the good old custom still prevails, and barrels and packages, generously filled,

many and varied, accompanied with words of cheer and good will, find their way, carrying manifold blessings, to schools and homes.

Rejoicing in its twenty-nine years of cordial and happy relations with the Synod of New York, the Woman's Synodical Society of Home Missions would report to your Venerable Body, that it has already begun to inaugurate and is vigorously and enthusiastically carrying forward a campaign for the doubling of membership throughout its borders. As a result, great things are expected for the coming year.

Workers may fall by the way and many, who began the year with us, have finished their labors and have entered into rest. The work remains, and gladly, with renewed zeal, we believe, will it be taken up and carried on to victory, through Him "Who loved us and gave Himself for us."

The Committee on Systematic Beneficence presented the following report which was accepted and its recommendations were adopted. Pending the question of adoption, Elder Edmund P. Platt addressed the Synod:

Statistics furnished to the Committee by the Secretary of the Executive Commission show that the Synod of New York contributed a total of $368,358.40 to the Boards and Temperance Committee, or a loss of $14,257.92 under the record of a year ago. The table shows a *gain* in contributions to Church Erection, Ministerial Relief, Freedmen, College Board and Temperance Committee; and a loss to Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Education, and Sunday School Work. Comparing this year's figures with those of 1908, a period of five years, there has been a gain of some $5,000 to Home Missions and a loss of $8,000 to Foreign Missions. During these four years there has been an increase of over $3,000 in the annual contributions to the College Board. Four years ago the total contributions from this Synod to all the Boards amounted to $368,028.38; so that we have increased only $230 over our record for 1908.

Out of the 973 Churches of the Synod of New York, only 166 churches gave to all the Boards; 214 gave to eight Boards; 129 to seven Boards. Nearly 100 churches gave to only one Board, and *122 Churches gave nothing whatever to any of the Boards.* This means that 10% of all of the Churches of this Synod made no contribution at all to the recognized Benevolent Agencies of our denomination.

The total apportionment to the Synod of New York for the year, 1911–1912, is $542,251.38. Of this sum the Women's Societies are expected to raise $158,515.38 for the cause of Home Missions, Foreign Missions and Freedmen. From Church Offerings $383,736 is expected.

In discussing the administration of this Apportionment, the Committee would call the attention of the Synod to the fact that a Joint Executive Committee has been appointed since the Meeting of the General Assembly. This Committee is known as the Joint Executive Committee of the Boards and Commission, and is at present composed of Rev. John F. Carson, D.D., Moderator of the General Assembly; Rev. W. H. Hubbard, D.D., Secretary; Rev. A. W. Halsey, D.D., Rev. John Dixon, D.D., and Rev. Robert Mackenzie, D.D., representing the

Boards and Permanent Agencies; and Rev. John F. Carson, D.D., and Rev. Wm. H. Foulkes, D.D., representing the Executive Commission of the General Assembly. The aim of this Committee is to further in every possible way a United Campaign in Systematic Benevolence for all the Benevolent Agencies and in this respect it marks a forward step in unified action and plan. This Committee has already issued a Blank to be posted in the vestibules of the Churches, showing the Minimum Budget expected from the Synods, Presbyteries and Churches for all Causes for the year ending March 31st, 1912. Copies of this Blank may be obtained from Dr. Hubbard, the Secretary of the Joint Committee. The Joint Committee feel that the goal to be reached is that every Presbytery should of its own initiative, measure up to its responsibility, rather than that the Joint Committee should send out paid agents to stimulate this necessary action.

We recommend:

1. That the travelling expenses of the members of the Committee, amounting to $4.44 be paid out of the funds of the Synod.

2. That Synod, through its Executive Commission, advise all of the Presbyteries of the absolute necessity of co-operation on their part with the Executive Commission of Synod in impressing upon all the members of the churches and congregations their individual responsibility for the support of all our Missionary and Benevolent Agencies.

3. That the Systematic Beneficence Committee of the Synod be dissolved and discontinued, and that the functions formerly belonging to it be merged into and assigned to the Executive Commission; and that Synod, for like reasons, recommend to the Presbyteries the dissolution of the Presbyterial Systematic Beneficence Committees, and the merging of the duties formerly attaching to them in an Executive Commission of Presbytery.

The Synod then engaged in devotional exercises conducted by Rev. Henry Ward, D.D.

Recess was taken until 2 o'clock P. M.

WEDNESDAY, October 18, 2 o'clock, P. M.

Synod convened and was opened with prayer.

The Committee to nominate the Trustees of Synod reported, recommending the re-election of the following persons as Trustees for the term expiring in 1914. Rev. Messrs. Anthony H. Evans, D.D., Charles S. Lane, and Elders Edwin T. Hanford and Sanford R. Knapp. The report was received and they were duly elected by ballot.

An address on the work of the Executive Commission was made by Rev. William H. Hubbard, D.D., and on the recommendation of that Commission, the following action was taken:

1. Your committee would recommend to all the committees within the bounds of the Synod that they co-operate together heartily in this united effort to raise during the current year within the bounds of our Synod the total sum apportioned to our Synod, namely, $556,000.

2. That the Moderator of the Synod of New York be requested to prepare a letter calling attention to the responsibility of the entire membership of our church to this united co-operative effort to properly sustain the missionary and benevolent undertakings of our Presbyterian Church, as well as supporting in a more adequate way their own church.

3. That on as early a Sabbath in November as may be convenient, the Moderator's letter shall be read in the pulpits of all our churches.

4. That as early after the reading of the Moderator's letter in all of our pulpits, the church sessions shall take such steps as they may deem wise to call the personal attention of every member of the church to the claims of the church and the missionary and benevolent enterprises of the church upon the liberality of every member.

5. That the Synod of New York appropriate a sum not exceeding $200 for the uses of the Synod's Executive Commission.

Rev. A. Cameron MacKenzie, D.D., the President of Elmira College was heard in its behalf.

The Synod expressed its interest in the work of the College and it was ordered that a Committee of Visitation consisting of Rev. Messrs. John C. Ball, R. Lew Williams, Peter R. Ross, and Elders Augustus Denniston and Emory J. Meade be appointed to visit the College and report to the Synod next year.

The Committee on the Lord's Day Observance, Rev. Martin D. Kneeland, D.D., chairman, presented the following report which was accepted and its recommendations were adopted:

Today we limit our report to the consideration of the attitude and duty of the christian church and its ministry to the civic Sabbath. This thought may be summarized in these words; the pastors and membership of the Church of Christ, as natural and divinely appointed leaders should identify themselves with Sabbath reform and seek the enactment and enforcement of such Lord's Day laws as shall further the interests of civic righteousness.

We have passed far beyond the period when the voice of reform can be stifled by the cry: "The Minister should not meddle with politics." The politics which he should let alone are those of a narrow selfish, and corrupt partisanship, but the politics which have to do with the science and security of government and good citizenship, should be carefully studied and earnestly advocated. To stay away from the polls on election day, to be silent in the presence of grievous, individual, municipal and civic evils, to refuse to help preserve and maintain that which strengthens and purifies the body politic, is a neglect of one's duty to the state which is not only weak and selfish, but criminal and unchristian.

Applying this to the subject at hand, we find that our Lord's Day is seriously threatened and imperilled throughout our bounds, that its enemies, in the interests of greed and pleasure, are seeking the destruction of the sacred day. Several of the State legislatures have been literally besieged the past year, by bills to open Sunday to various commercial and sporting schemes. Two western states yielded to the clamor in 1910, and legalized Sunday baseball. We are glad to report, that although the efforts were more numerous and persistent than ever before in the legislatures of 1911, all such bills have been defeated as far as we are able to learn.

In the six New England States, which seems to have been the strong centre, thirty-seven Sunday bills were reported in 1911, and all adverse ones, with a trifling exception, were defeated. In Connecticut thirteen of these bills were presented. After repeated hearings, postponements, amendments, and battles, lasting through eight months, they were all defeated. In Massachusetts there were eighteen Sunday bills, including several determined attempts to legalize Sunday baseball, but they all failed. In New York State there was an unusual number of Sunday bills, all of which with a couple of exceptions were exceedingly dangerous. The enemy concentrated their efforts largely upon four measures:

(a). To legalize Sunday baseball, submitting the Fourth Commandment to local option.

(b). To license theatres and other performances on Sunday.

(c) To open certain stores on Sunday.

(d). To extend the time in which liquors can be sold on Sunday.

Greatly to the credit of the friends of law and order these bills and others favorable to gambling and evils detrimental to society, were at last defeated. Those members of our communion who led in these battles deserve and should receive the thanks of this body.

It is significant that the Roman Catholics in Massachusetts, through their Arch-Bishop, and in Connecticut through their Bishop and other prominent men saved the friends of the Lord's Day from defeat, and their help is assured for years to come.

There has been a curtailing of Sunday labor in several marked instances also. After a long agitation in which the Sabbath Observance forces of the country, and the post-office clerks and postmen stood together, the post-offices of the whole country were practically closed on Sunday by order of the Post-Master General. This great victory has benefited over three hundred thousand Sunday toilers.

Again. Several of the great steel mills of the country have been closed the whole or a good part of the Lord's Day by orders from headquarters. This was the result of strenuous agitation and although it is not as yet complete, it is a great improvement over the old regime, namely, seven days' work in the week and twelve hours work in the day, a barbarous inhumanity.

These and other like results have been accomplished largely because of an advance by the church and an increase in the spirit of the Master, applying christianity to social wrongs. Labor unions and Federations of labor appreciate this sympathy and help on the part of the church, as their resolutions from year to year give evidence.

We are glad to state that in one instance a state legislature has yielded to this demand for a *weekly rest day*. We refer to Connecticut where a law was passed this year by a large majority giving to laborers one day's rest in seven. The State of Connecticut is the third state in the union to be added to this roll of honor, first, Massachusetts, second California, and third, Connecticut. We hope that New York State will stand fourth on this list, and we regret that the splendid bills to that end, which have been advocated from year to year by a Synodical Committee, have been defeated. The coming legislation of the world points in this direction and must finally become universal.

Other victories, which should not be overlooked, bring before us the gratifying fact that the laws touching *Sunday games and sports* have been practically enforced in several instances by the general government at Washington.

Again, in one of the cities of Massachusetts militia practice, attended with noise, trade, games, confusion, and moral detriment was continued over two Sundays. In answer to protests and petitions, the adjutant General of the State, sent an order to all companies of militia, forbidding the use of Sunday for such practices. We are glad to state that this seems to be the settled policy of the Navy with respect to naval maneuvers by its ships.

We might mention many other instances of local enforcement of law, against Sunday aviation, Sunday baseball, open mills, factories, shops, stores, theatres, gambling and drinking places, etc., etc. In almost every instance as far as we have investigated, the agitation began with christian people in connection with some christian church, or the Y. M. C. A., and, in some instances religious services have been held in connection with resorts and summer gatherings.

If time permitted we would refer to encouraging signs of a civic awakening in the rural towns. For the last four years our Committee has told of rural loss and degeneracy. Today our message is more encouraging. Since the whole subject of rural improvement was taken up at Washington, it has been discussed from year to year in agricultural colleges and elsewhere throughout the country, and advanced steps have been taken in many communities. The first sign of such an advance shows itself in the rural church which should be the civic centre of every rural community.

Still another sign of encouragement comes to us from Continental Europe, with its continental Sunday, which several continental countries are getting tired of. In Geneva, Switzerland, there met last week a body of earnest men from many different countries, including Great Britain and the United States. At that Congress it was proposed that a World's Lord's Day Alliance be formed, based on the very same principles of Sabbath reform which underlie our Sabbath Associations of the United States and Canada. Does not this universal Sabbath Association prophesy the glad day when all nations and all people shall cease warfare, and pay obeisance and do honor to the Prince of Peace who called himself the "Lord of the Sabbath?"

We recommend:

1. That the Synod of New York repeat its emphatic disapproval of prevailing secular uses of the Lord's Day such as purchasing, reading, and advertising in the

Sunday newspaper on the Lord's Day, promoting or engaging in Sunday games and sports, in civic life as well as in the army and navy, political rallies, militia practices, congressional sessions, in fact, engaging in any business or commercial enterprises on the Lord's Day, not required by necessity or mercy.

2. That this body greatly deplores the presentation of Bills in the Legislatures of New York and New England to repeal or annul our Lord's Day laws, and we commend *wise, legislative efforts* to defeat these Bills, and also instruct our committee to continue to press legislation in behalf of one rest day in seven, and also urge upon our pastors and members to aid this work by letters, telegrams, protests, petitions and their prayers.

3. That we approve of the *Saturday half holiday*, in manufacturing, and as far as possible, in commercial life, as tending toward a better observance of the Lord's Day.

4. That we heartily recommend that the week known and kept, to a greater or lesser extent, throughout the christian world, as *Lord's Day Week*, beginning with the Sabbath following Easter, be observed as far as possible by all churches within our bounds.

That we commend on the part of churches, Y. M. C. Associations, Young People's Societies, etc., any wise efforts to reach unchurched Sunday crowds, at popular resorts, by means of tent services, outdoor meetings, and pleasant Sunday afternoon gatherings, in the use of sacred music and popular evangelistic addresses, Thus the church, following in the footsteps of the Master, in the "by-ways and hedges," on the hillsides and by the seashore, shall bring honor and win souls for the Lord of the Sabbath and the church of which he is Head.

As the reports of the officers of Synodical Home Missions were presented in printed form, they were accepted without being read in detail and are as follows:

Report of Treasurer:

Within the bounds of the Synod of New York according to the Assembly Minutes of 1911, not counting the Foreign Presbyteries or Boston, there are 850 churches, 608 of these are in the Presbyteries which have adopted the Synod's plan for its Mission work.

During the year the names of 454 of these churches have been entered upon the Treasurer's books as contributors to Synodical Home Missions. In the Presbytery of New York some of the churches have contributed through their Local Treasurer. These gifts have been supplemented by those of the Allied Presbyteries, and a few personal friends.

The Presbyteries of Buffalo, Hudson, Rochester, Syracuse and Westchester have aided by their gifts.

A statement of contributions received from churches, presbyteries and individuals is herewith presented:

Balance on hand October 1, 1910	$3,797 02	
Total contributions for the year ending October 1, 1911	22,636 95	
Interest on deposits	180 79	
Total		$26,614 76
Commissions paid from October 1, 1910 to October 1, 1911	$18,034 09	
Salary and expenses of Field Secretary	1,799 00	
Salary and expenses of Associate Secretary	1,011 27	
Salary and expenses of Secretary and Treasurer	900 00	
Office expenses	144 39	
Expenses of Permanent and Executive Committees	287 45	
Total		$22,176 20
Balance on hand October 1, 1911		$4,438 56

The accounts and vouchers having been audited and found correct were approved.

The Permanent Committee on Synodical Missions presented its report of which the following is an abstract. The report was accepted and its recommendations were adopted:

While the country side has been drained of its resources and leading men, by the cities, the whole country has been greatly increased by many foreign people of nearly every nationality from across the seas. This has not only poured large numbers into congested city wards, but like a flood has poured itself into many a country district.

These and other features of our present-day life have called into being the cause of Synodical Home Missions as an agency through which the Church might solve some of the economic and social problems by which she is confronted in the older settled portions of our great Commonwealth. The amazing development of our national resources and the marvelous increase in wealth have been the wonder of the world, and like a loadstone are drawing to us all sorts of people from the ends of the earth. In general our people are more highly favored with the common necessities of life, in physical comforts, and even in luxuries than royalty was when the foundations of our country were laid; and yet the Master never uttered a truer thought than this "The poor ye have always with you." This seems particularly and especially true of Presbyterianism and church societies. The wealth which naturally flows into our Presbyterian households—and it is fair to assume that they get their full share of the national prosperity, does not somehow seem to reach the treasuries of many of our churches.

Year by year the number of large and cheerful givers in many communions through the channels of the church has steadily grown less. Contributions for the various boards and agencies as well as church and congregational deficiencies have to be met by other means than by personal checks of generous givers.

The springs of Christian beneficence with many best able to give, seem to be drying up. And still the church at large is doing more and perhaps better work than ever before in her history. The difficulty in financing her undertakings has not disheartened her, or seriously embarrassed her work. She may have had to change her methods of finance—substituting the many and the mites for the few and the larger gifts—but she has not been forced to retire from the field of Christian endeavor. When her ranks were increasing in the community, the difference in the aggregate of her gifts was perhaps not appreciable; but when economic changes restricted her sphere in the community, the loss of one or more of her liberal givers, clouded her fortunes in the place where her lot had been cast.

That has been the history of many of our churches both in the city and in the rural districts, particularly the latter. One of the most inspiring pages in the early history of Presbyterianism in the Empire State is the accounts of the early missionaries sent to the far West—Central and Western New York, which were regarded for that day, the outposts of civilization. Presbyterianism was then evangelistic and felt the responsibility of giving the Gospel to the benighted communities of the early settlers. The marvel, as we track the trail of these missionaries through the river bottoms and wilderness fastnesses of the future great commonwealth, is that they were able to accomplish so much considering their limited number and financial strength. The charge entrusted to us is a legacy from the fathers, who in much weariness and painful self-denials laid the foundations of our faith in many rural communities, hamlets and newly founded cities.

We stand for a time-honored work. We stand for preserving and strengthening evangelical religion in every place where the standard of the cross has been planted.

In common language, Synod's Missions mean evangelism, patriotism and the preservation of the home. We must evangelize the cities, and reinforce the far-flung battle line of the great empires of the west and the island possessions over which the emblem of our country now so proudly waves, but it would be suicidal and criminal to allow the country side and over-crowded city wards of our prosperous and rapidly growing cities to lapse into paganism.

SYNODICAL HOME MISSIONS have therefore a threefold basis of appeal —evangelism of the city, conservation of the best type of country life, and the preservation of our free institutions—the Home, the Church, and the State.

The promise of the closing months of last year has been fully realized. Our missionaries have been diligent and faithful to their charges, their labors have been prospered, and the cause well maintained in the various parts of the field. The Field and Executive officers have been alive to the importance of the work, and the grave responsibilities laid upon them, the Presbyterial Chairmen have exercised a thoughtful and judicious care over the churches specially committed to their charge. Grants of aid have been made only after the need has been fully certified, and the church had performed its part. Contributions from the churches and from individuals have been both generous and continuous so that there has been no necessity for delay in the payment of salaries when due.

During the year the projected plans for work among peoples of foreign speech have been consummated. Various surveys of foreign communities in the cities of New York, Brooklyn, Little Falls, Watervliet, Glens Falls, and Fishkill have been made, and also in labor camps along the line of the Barge Canal. An Associate Secretary—Rev. Arthur H. Allen,—has been elected and placed in full charge of this phase of the Committee's work. Since January 1st, 1911, Mr. Allen has devoted his whole time and strength to personal inspection of the various fields, and to outlining and directing the work. He has held various conferences with interested pastors, individuals and workers in the interests of the cause.

Work has also been commenced with more or less success in Lockport, Watertown, Lackawanna, Schenectady, Little Falls. Glens Falls, Cohoes, Elmira, Geneva and other places are striving to teach and christianize their foreign residents.

The number of contributing churches this year, including those in the Presbytery of New York, which sent their offering to the local Treasurer, was 459 as against 494 last year.

Last year there were 6 Presbyteries which met their apportionment in full; 12 gave more than they received, and 8 received more than they gave. This year the record stands 4 Presbyteries met their quota in full, 13 gave more than they received, and 7 less than they received.

The Presbyteries which have met their quota in full are Nassau, Niagara, St. Lawrence and Troy.

Binghamton, Long Island, Lyons and Steuben nearly reached their quota.

The Presbyteries which gave more than they received are, Albany, Brooklyn, Cayuga, Champlain, Geneva, Long Island, Nassau, New York, North River, Steuben, St. Lawrence, Troy and Utica.

The Presbyteries which gave less than they received are Binghamton, Chemung, Columbia, Genesee, Lyons, Niagara and Otsego.

The Field Secretary offered the following supplemental Report which was accepted:

Ordained Ministers employed	125	Aided Churches, raised for benevolence	$ 8,416
Other workers employed	12	Church Edifices (value of same ($559,000)	146
Churches served	150	Church debts cancelled	$ 1,220
Stations supplied regularly	15	Church Edifices repaired (at cost of $9,681)	27
Additions on confession of faith	546	Number of Manses (value of same $134,600)	90
Additions by certificate	362	Amount received for Home Mission Work	$ 7,442
Total membership of aided Churches	9,007	Amount expended for Home Mission Work	$ 3,025
Adult baptisms	215		
Infant baptisms	290		
Sabbath Schools organized	10		
Number of Sabbath Schools	143		
Membership of Sabbath Schools	11,632		
Aided Churches, amount raised for self support	$65.699		

Two of our faithful missionaries during the past year have responded to the divine call, come up higher, Rev. Ferdinand O. Zesch, Ph.D., pastor of the German Church of Jamaica, and Rev. James A. MacGowan, pastor of the Westminster Church of Salt Point. After ministering to several prominent churches in this State, Mr. MacGowan's last years were spent in caring for and ministering to a little flock where some of the best work of his life was done. The experience of years enabled him to give rich counsel to this little rural church and his influence will abide there many years to come.

During the year the churches of Voorheesville, Broadalbin, Montour Falls and Moreland have become self-sustaining. A much needed Chapel has been secured at Tribes Hill.

Churches or Manses have been repaired and much improved at Mariaville, West Milton, Voorheesville, Mayfield, Nichols, Coventry, Floral Avenue and Ross Memorial Binghamton, Cato, Genoa Second, Dresden, Yaphank, East Palmyra, Carlton, Ancram Lead Mines, Laurens, Parma Center, Brownville, Helena, Pulteney, Johnsonville, Martinsburg, Williamstown, and Park Church Troy.

Special religious interest has been manifested at Mayfield, Mariaville, Coventry, Gulf Summit, Dresden, Floral Avenue Binghamton, East Bethany, Flatbush, and at Irving Square and Franklin Avenue churches, Brooklyn.

The following items of personal service are hereby mentioned:

Different congregations visited	60	Presbyterial meetings attended	6
Sermons and addresses	132	Elders installed	2
Lord's Supper administered	10	Installation services of ministers participated in	3
Marriages solemnized	4	Church dedication assisted in	1
Funerals attended	11	Moderated Church meetings.	31
Members received on profession	4	Churches supplied with Pastors	56
Adults baptized	2	Letters written	1,775
Ordinations	3	Miles traveled	15,553

In addition to the reports presented in printed form, the Permanent Committee called attention to the desirability of employing pastor evangelists or pastors at large, as is now done in some of our larger presbyteries and in some of the Western Synods, it being the Committees belief that an extension of this work would be beneficial to our work in the rural districts.

Last year special emphasis was laid upon the work among our foreign population. This year in our report we would lay particular emphasis upon the work in the rural church.

Your Committee would report that under the Plan of administration, it has re-elected the former Chairman for the two year term. It has re-elected Mr. A. P. Stevens of Albany, and Mr. E. P. Platt of Poughkeepsie, as delegates at large for the three year term. It has left the office of Field Secretary vacant, empowering the Executive Committee to fill the vacancy, and, in this connection, we would state that the Executive Committee has requested Dr. Jacks to act in that capacity temporarily; also that Dr. Jacks has very cordially consented so to do.

There has been laid upon the heart of your Committee the great need for service in the lumber camps in the Adirondack lumber region—not only work among the lumber men, but enlarged work in the communities that are developing in that district. These facts will also be touched upon by those better qualified to speak, at some time during the time allotted to your Committee.

In connection with the report on Synodical Missions addresses on different phases of the work were made by the Treasurer, Rev. George Fairlee, D.D., by the Field Secretary, Rev. J. Wilford Jacks, D.D., by the Vice Chairman, Rev. Henry T. McEwen, D.D., by Rev. Benjamin B. Knapp and by Associate Secretary, Rev. Arthur H. Allen. Prayer was offered by Rev. James H. Robinson, D.D. The entire report was approved.

The report of the Judicial Commission to which was referred the complaint of the Rev. Edward Eells against the Presbytery of Boston for refusing to grant him a letter of dismission to the Presbytery of Westchester was presented, and is as follows:

The Commission voted unanimously not to sustain the complaint on two grounds:

1. That the Presbytery cannot grant a letter to a member to another Presbytery while he remains within its bounds.

2. That the reasons for his request given by the complainant are such as to justify the Presbytery in refusing his request.

The report of the Judicial Commission was read and then entered on the record as the final judgment of the Synod in the case.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported as follows and its recommendations were adopted:

1. As to a communication from Otsego Presbytery notifying the Synod that it had acceded to the request of the Pine Hill Church to be transferred to the Presbytery of North River, we recommend, that, as no word has been received from the North River Presbytery, no action be taken.

2. In answer to an Overture from the Presbytery of Boston asking that the Synod request the General Assembly to erect a Synod covering the bounds of New England, it is recommended:

That the Synod of New York overture the General Assembly to erect a Separate Synod to cover the territory of the six New England States, to be known as the Synod of New England and that the Synod appoint a Committee to represent it in this Overture at the next meeting of the General Assembly in Louisville, Kentucky in May, 1912.

Subsequently the following committee was appointed to carry out the terms of this Overture:

Rev. Messrs. Martin D. Kneeland, D.D., Howard Agnew Johnston, D.D., Lester M. Conrow and Elders Gilbert M. Stalker and R. Melvil Keys. It was also ordered that the members of this Committee be authorized to select their own Alternates.

3. As to a request from the Presbytery of Chemung that the Synod devote more of its time to devotional exercises, it is recommended that a Committee of five be appointed by the Moderator to consider the whole subject of the conduct of the Sessions of Synod, with a view to possible improvement in the methods thereof and with special view to effecting economy of time and to making the meeting more instructive and helpful as to religious work within the bounds of the Synod, and more inspiring to Christian service and to report at the next meeting of this body. Subsequently the following persons were constituted such Committee: Rev. Messrs. Henry Ward, D.D., James H. Robinson, D.D., J. Wilford Jacks, D.D., and Elders Thomas Dransfield and Ralph E. Prime, LL.D.

4. In answer to the overture from the Presbytery of Rochester that a Synodical Missionary for the colored people of this State be appointed, it is recommended, that in view of the importance of the matter, the question be referred to the Synodical Home Mission Committee for consideration and investigation, and that the Committee be requested to report at the next meeting of this body.

5. With reference to a communication from Princeton Theological Seminary announcing the completion of a century of service, it is recommended that the following paper be adopted:

In view of the approaching 100th Anniversary of the founding of the Theological Seminary of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America at Princeton, the Synod of New York in Session at Auburn, October 18th, 1911, desires to place upon its minutes an expression of its sense of the noble service to our church and to the Christian religion throughout the world rendered by this institution; its gratitude to God for the signal manifestations of His favor during the whole of the Seminary's history; and its earnest desire and devout prayer that the coming years may witness still larger prosperity and usefulness for Princeton Seminary.

The following resolution was presented and adopted:

The Presbyterian Synod of New York most heartily approves the treaties of arbitration already signed, between the United States, Great Britain and France.

It regards with deep regret the failure of the Senate to ratify the same. The Synod hopes that pressure of public opinion will lead the Senate at the earliest opportunity to ratify these treaties, and open the way for identical treaties with other nations. Such treaties seem to the Synod to hold the promise of the great day of Universal Peace which is the pledge of inspired prophecy and the hope of the world, a peace of which this republic has become a prominent champion.

The Committee to Nominate the Women's Committee on Home Missions presented its report which was accepted and the names of those nominated were ordered printed in the Appendix to the Minutes.

The Committee on the College Board presented the following report, which after an address on the subject by Rev. Howard Agnew Johnston, D.D., was accepted:

A careful study of the Board's last report cannot fail to impress anyone with the magnitude of the work being done by this agency of the church, for the cause of higher education. Fifty-seven colleges and seven academies are reported as sustaining relations, more or less close, with the Presbyterian Church and as receiving financial aid, directly or indirectly, from this Board or through the influences and denominational interests it represents. In the comparative report of the student enrollment for the past two years it is gratifying to note the increased number of college students over the previous year and a corresponding decrease of those classified as "special students" showing that the work done in these Christian institutions is commending itself to those in search of a complete college course. The real function of the College Board cannot be too often emphasized. As indicated in the report of the Assembly's committee "it is the authorized agency of the Church for the promotion of Christian education. In the newer portions of the country, or in those somewhat more developed, where local support is impossible or inadequate, the financial help of this Board should first be given. This being the primary function of the Board, any undesignated funds coming into its treasury, together with the time and strength of its working force, belong first to the struggling, unendowed college, provided such a college ought, in its particular place and circumstances, to "live." We will all heartily agree with the observation that is made, viz. that " it is conceivably quite as much the function of the Board, under given circumstances, to kill a college as to make it live, and the Board should be as brave and honest in doing one thing as the other." It is gratifying to note that with increasing confidence in the wise way in which the affairs of this great agency have been administered so many have been led to make increased gifts both to the current expenses, as well as the endowment of these various institutions. Notable among the number is the magnificent bequest of Mr. John Stewart Kennedy, $750,000 of which has come into possession of the Board. The need of aid for current expenses on the part of the smaller colleges and those not yet adequately endowed is constant and increasing. All the church collections coming to the Board are entirely paid out in appropriations to such colleges to assist in meeting this need. This leaves nothing in the Board's treasury with which to meet the unexpected emergency needs that arise in colleges, and which comparatively small gifts from the Board would materially assist in meeting. The Board has therefore decided to keep the Kennedy Fund intact, that the income of it may enable the Board to meet these emergencies as they shall present themselves from time to time and as the Board may determine. Another cause for rejoicing in the report of the Board, is the fact that the number of churches contributing to the Board shows an increase of 700 over last year the total number being 4,966 churches with a total contribution of $162,145.89. Of this amount $58,169.66 was received by the Board toward current expenses of colleges not adequately endowed, as against $54,807.80 last year for the same purpose, showing that the Board's request for a 10 per cent. increase was nearly

realized. Too much emphasis cannot be placed upon the service that has been rendered the various colleges by the policy of co-operation through which means the Board has secured for these institutions a large portion of what is known as individual gifts. It is the belief of your committee that the Board has a right to aspire to be the agency of the Church in securing for our colleges of whatever kind, far larger gifts than have yet been realized.

It is not unreasonable to request and expect that every church shall make an annual offering to the work of this Board and we would urge upon every Presbyterial chairman and every pastor the urgent need of not only giving the opportunity for such offering to be made but also to commend the work of this Board whenever the way may open to do so.

The Committee of Visitors to Auburn Theological Seminary presented the following report which was accepted and its recommendations were adopted:

Your Committee find a splendid equipment and a teaching force of unusual efficiency for the training of religious leaders. The Faculty is made up of men who combine spiritual vision with a masculine grip of things and a statesmanlike view of the task of the Christian ministry.

Auburn Seminary is, what every School of Divinity should be, a professional school, Its aim is to prepare men to preach, but also to grapple the big problems which the moral teacher alone can solve. The minister is more than a preacher of divine oracles. He is an interpreter of life. He must know how to interpret men to themselves and to make clear to them that their best impulses and all good work are religious. He must understand the great wealth of religious feeling and conduct, outside the narrow field of conventional religion, and so extend the circle of the church as to include it and restore to the busy men of today the consciousness that they are God's sons and co-workers. To the production of this type of minister Auburn is addressing itself.

Its location and spirit are its best assets in the performance of the task. Many feel that a professional school should be in the big cities in close touch with great universities. This is much less true of a professional school for ministers than for any other calling. The Christian minister must, first of all, have a big, disciplined, resourceful soul. The distractions of the city make against the growing of one's soul. A hermit, who would come now and then to the city and speak with great power to men, was asked how he understood the problems of the city. He replied, "I know my own Heart." The minister needs acquaintance with his own heart, needs to be master of his own spirit, and this will help him to the acquaintance and the mastery of the spirits of men. The tools of the minister are not such that their use may be taught in the laboratory; they are understanding, sympathy, tact, self-mastery, intellectual honesty, charity.

But Auburn combines with the advantages of a certain remoteness the advantages of laboratory work in the cities through its Social Service Scholarships. Eight months of the year are given to the study and four months to the practice. This is the better plan as the man can concentrate on each in turn and is not dis-

tracted from the pursuit of the one by the claims of the other. Self-culture and service must be carefully balanced and during the student years of a man's life the proportion is more easily found by the Auburn method.

There are but three needs to be supplied and Auburn will become a great center of religious education and of training in moral leadership.

1. More men for the ministry who have the capacity for moral leadership.
2. A better equipment for the training of these men to leadership.
3. Larger financial resources to provide the Faculty and other agencies needed to make the training adequate and efficient.

The first need is the most important. We have come to the time when the church must either do big business or be contented with much less; when it must either impress itself upon the world and assume once more moral leadership, or be content to see the world pass it by. The church will not return to its old position of dominence in the community without a great movement on the part of the laymen. But the laymen must have leaders. To provide these leaders should be the first thought of both the minister and the laymen. The Christian minister has not presented often enough, or attractively enough, the opportunity for service which the ministry of the church offers. As the result, many Christian parents are opposed to their sons entering the ministry, even though they feel a leaning in that direction. Not only in the churches must the opportunity of the Christian ministry be presented, but also in the High Schools and Colleges. Every minister would help toward the turning of the tide, if he sought opportunities of presenting this great theme in the schools of his town and the colleges where his voice would have authority.

Two pieces of equipment are immediately needed at Auburn.

a. There is an imperative need for a Gymnasium. The student today is freed as far as possible from physical work in order to give him time for study. This freedom from physical labor means the deterioration of the body which is an asset which must not be ignored if one is aiming at efficiency. A gymnasium with a physical director who will give a three years' course in physical development is essential.

b. There is an equally imperative need of a Club House. Social training is as important for the minister as physical or intellectual training. The home and the family is the divinely instituted training school for social relationships. The student in college or seminary, being cut off from the home, must have something corresponding to the family life, or he will be much the loser. It is very desirable, therefore, that the Seminary should be equipped with a home in which these social relationships may find expression and culture.

The securing of financial resources has been left too much to the Presidents of our institutions of learning. This work should be undertaken by ministers and by all who appreciate the importance of well trained moral leaders in the church. A large amount of money is bequeathed each year to hospitals, asylums, and homes. It has ceased to be the custom for legacies to be left, to the extent that they once were, to schools for the training of ministers. There should be a concerted movement, therefore, to secure more legacies on the part of church members who have money to give for Auburn and other theological seminaries. Cer-

tainly the graduates of Auburn should find among their parishioners men who will at once provide a gymnasium and a Club House for the Seminary.

We therefore recommend

1. That all Presbyterian ministers of New York State be requested by the Moderator of the Synod to preach at least once a year on the opportunity for moral leadership offered by the ministry, and to present the matter in a more personal way to their virile boys and young men.

2. That every member of this Synod, lay and ministerial, become a subscriber to the Auburn Seminary Record in order to keep informed as to the admirable work that is being done in this professional school.

3. That a Special Committee be appointed by the Moderator of Synod to be known as a Publicity Committee for the professional schools for Christian ministers, for the purpose of getting presented to the community in the most attractive and efficient way the opportunity of the Christian ministry. In connection with this recommendation, we would suggest that this may be done:

a. Through greater publicity in our denominational weeklies and, by the use of proper methods, through the daily papers of our large cities.

b. By co-operation with our own College Board in securing a list of the College Preachers this winter in all the colleges of the New England and Middle Atlantic States in order that picked men in these lists may be asked to present the opportunity of the Christian ministry instead of preaching on the abstract themes so popular with some College preachers.

c. By correspondence with all the colleges of New York State with a view to having the student bodies addressed through the College Y. M. C. A., or some other natural means of approach on the magnificent chance for moral leadership and community service offered by the Christian ministry.

It is the conviction of the Committee that, when Christian people are persuaded that the need for the hour is for more red-blooded, level-headed, courageous, moral leaders in the churches, and, when Christian parents once more covet for their sons the ministerial calling, the needed resources will be forthcoming.

After prayer, the Synod adjourned to meet Thursday morning at nine o'clock.

THURSDAY, October 19, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Synod reconvened and was opened with devotional exercises. The calling of the roll was dispensed with.

The Minutes of yesterday's sessions were read and approved.

The Committee on the preparation of a Manual of the State laws relating to the Presbyterian Church reported that it had fulfilled its duties, and requested to be discharged. The report was accepted. The thanks of the Synod were tendered Elder Ralph E. Prime for the

valuable service he had rendered in the matter and the Committee was discharged.

The following notice of complaint was served upon the Stated Clerk, by Rev. Edward Eells and by him was presented to the Synod:

To the General Assembly of the Presbytertan Church in the United States of America: Mr. Moderator and Brethren.

I hereby respectfully enter complaint against the decision of the Synod of New York in its session at Auburn, N. Y., Oct. 17th to 19th, 1911, rendered through the Synod's special Judicial Commission in the case of my complaint against the Presbytery of Boston, this decision sustaining the refusal of the Presbytery of Boston to grant me a letter of dismissal to the Presbytery of Westchester. I make this complaint for the reason that the decision of Synod's Judicial Commission, with the refusal which it upholds, unintentionally does me injustice, in that it deprived me of an essential right of a Presbyterian minister in good and regular standing with his Presbytery and leaves me in its effect in an uncertain and compromising position as a member of the Presbytery of Boston. Signed,

EDWARD EELLS.

The following persons were constituted a Committee to defend the action of the Synod in this case before the General Assembly: Elder Ralph E. Prime, LL.D., and Rev. Messrs. Henry Ward, D.D., and James Todd, D.D.

The Committee on Students in Non-Presbyterian Institutions presented the following report which was accepted and its recommendations were adopted. Pending the question of adoption, the Synod listened to an address given by Rev. Joseph W. Cochran, D.D., Secretary of the Board of Education:

Your Committee has come to the end of its first year of service in connection with the important duty assigned to it. Owing to the fact that the number of members originally appointed at the last meeting of Synod found themselves unable to serve on this Committee, the Moderator was under the necessity of making several new appointments, including the appointment of a Chairman. This necessarily consumed time and prevented the Committee from getting at its work as early as desirable. We have had two meetings during the year and have carried on a somewhat extensive correspondence. We have also issued some printed matter with reference to our work. We regret to say that, owing to the fact that the Committee as constituted is scattered over the Synod from Rochester to Boston and New York, it has been impossible to bring it together in any considerable number. This same fact has seriously crippled the work of the Committee.

Nevertheless, we are persuaded that progress has been made. We have secured in cash and in pledges for the work of the Committee during the coming

year, the sum of about $500, and we entertain the hope that this amount may be considerably increased. We are also endeavoring to find a suitable man to begin the work with the large body of Presbyterian students resident in Ithaca.

The Committees appointed by previous Synods have in their reports carefully canvassed the situation with reference to the work among the students in the colleges and universities within the bounds of Synod in general, and particularly with reference to the students gathered at Ithaca, and it is, therefore, unnecessary for us to go over that ground again. Your Committee, however, feels constrained to emphasize one particular phase of its work, which to it seems to offer Synod a most important consideration for a sympathetic interest and co-operation in it. For four formative years, in many respects the most formative years of several thousand of our Presbyterian young people, they are cut off from real and vital connection with the Church, as an organization. It is not to be inferred that they are deprived of religious privileges or that they are not subjects of most interested and wise religious activity, but these privileges and this activity are dissociated from the church and do not bring the Christian church as an institution within the field of their consciousness to any appreciable degree. This we regard as a most serious misfortune for them, and fraught with most serious consequences to the Church.

Your Committee has no special zeal for promoting Presbyterianism as such among our Presbyterian young people, but we are profoundly solicitous to make the christian church a real and vital force in their life, and to maintain and foster their living connection with it.

The plan by which we hope to accomplish this, our main purpose, is to work through the local Presbyterian church in the community where these students are pursuing their studies. In the case of the Cornell students and the students of other institutions in Ithaca it is our purpose, as soon as the funds available to the Committee justify and the proper man is secured, to use the plant, the organization, and the membership of our church in Ithaca for the promotion of our work.

We are happy to report that, in our conferences with the Session and individual members of that church, we are assured of their profound interest in our work and of their cordial and substantial support of it.

We would respectfully call the attention of Synod to the present constitution of the Committee. Five or seven members are all that are necessary for the work and they ought to be located within easy traveling distance around some common center. As the work of the Committee at present is localized around the city of Ithaca, it would be well, in our judgment, that the Committee should be formed around the same geographical center. We entertain the strongest hope that this work is destined to grow and to become of great and increasing value in the religious and church life of our large student constituency within the whole Synod.

We respectfully offer the following recommendations for adoption:

1. That Synod again expresses its profound interest in the religious and church life of the large number of Presbyterian students gathered in the educational institutions within its bounds and believes that it is one of the important duties of the Synod, and all connected with it, to promote these interests.

2. That Synod commends to the churches and individuals the work of this

Committee and recommends that liberal contribution be made for its support.

3. That Synod endorses the appeal of the Committee for the specific sum of $2,500. for the prosecution of its work during the coming year.

4. That the Committee be reconstituted and that the Moderator be authorized to construct it of seven members residing within easy reach of Ithaca.

In accordance with the recommendation of the Committee, the Moderator reconstituted the Committee on Student Work as follows: Rev. Messrs. George B. Stewart, D.D., Warren S. Stone, William L. Sawtelle, William P. Schell and Elders Charles S. Wilson, John T. Silvernail, David H. Henry.

The Committee to collate the reports of the Committees on the records of the Presbyteries reported, recommending that the records of the following Presbyteries be approved: Albany, Binghamton, Boston, Brooklyn, Buffalo, Cayuga, Champlain, Chemung, Columbia, Genesee, Geneva, Hudson, Long Island, Lyons, Nassau, New York, Niagara, North River, Otsego, Porto Rico, Rochester, St. Lawrence, Steuben, Syracuse, Troy, Utica and Westchester.

The records of the following Presbyteries were not presented: Chile, Eastern Persia, North Laos and Siam.

The report of the Collating Committee was approved.

The Treasurer of Synod presented his report which was received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Board of Trustees of the Synod submitted the following report which was accepted:

One meeting has been held.

The invested funds, Oct. 2, 1911, amounted to	$28,394 32
Cash in the hands of the Treasurer	133 62
Total	$28,527 94

No additions to the Funds of the Trustees have been made during the past year.

During the past twelve months, twelve hundred dollars has been paid to Rev. George Fairlee, Treasurer of Synodical Missions. This is practically the entire income of the funds in the hands of the Trustees.

The terms of the following members of the Board expire with this meeting: Rev. Messrs. Anthony H. Evans, Charles S. Lane and Elders Edwin T. Hanford and Sanford R. Knapp.

The present officers are: President, Rev. John F. Carson, D.D.; treasurer, Edwin T. Hanford; secretary, John T. D. Blackburn.

The Committee on Ministerial Relief presented their report which was accepted and its recommendations were adopted. Pending the adoption of the report, addresses on the subject were made by Rev. Henry Ward, D.D., and Charles S. Butler, D.D.S. The report is as follows:

Owing to the lateness of the organization of your Committee the time had passed for pushing the relief work the past year in a way to give us very much on which to report at this time. It was the middle of April when the Committee got together at Troy and after an afternoon spent in prayerful conference over the needs of the Board, it was agreed that a letter should be sent to the ministers and Session of each of the 964 churches in our Synod, setting forth the growth of the roll of pensioners and the receipts of the Board since 1906 together with a direct appeal for more liberal contributions to the cause. The letter was prepared and sent out early in May and in addition to the above, the committee asked that a *live* influential man in each congregation be appointed who should take it upon his conscience to forward the work in his particular church and that the name of such appointee be sent to your committee that in this way if possible we might come into direct and closer touch with the churches. In response to this request some 34 names were sent in and are now on file and attached to this report. Though the number is not large these names will be of great assistance to the Committee in developing plans for future work by enabling us to bring the cause direct to the conscientious attention of the individual church. The effect of this letter to the pastors and sessions will be seen in the reports to the Board for the current year, and is awaited with interest.

There are two lines of work, in the judgment of your committee, that should be undertaken at once as having in them at least the promise of larger results.

First.—The organization in each Presbytery of a small but earnest committee on relief, whose one purpose shall be to secure from every church some contribution to this cause and such contribution whether large or small to be made, the first charge upon the benevolences of that church.

Second.—A direct presentation of the work and the needs of the Board in the churches of three or four of the larger or more delinquent presbyteries, under the direction of Synod's Committee. By thus concentrating our work on these two lines we believe most profoundly that immediate and permanent results will follow. Necessarily this will put a large amount of work upon a few men—men who are already struggling under heavy burdens of business and church duties, but it is the Master's work and one of the most important as it is the most needed, now confronting the church and cannot but appeal, if rightly presented, to the sympathetic benevolence of our people. It will also mean some expense which these men should not be expected to bear or advance and we therefore ask that Synod appropriate $200 for the Committee and that it be made subject to the order of the Chairman when approved by the secretary. By so doing the Committee will be able to plan and execute its work, pay its expenses promptly, and in a business like way.

We further recommend that the Committee be reduced to three members, and that their selection be made with reference to easy communication and meeting to the end that the highest efficiency may be obtained at the least possible expense. Expenses amounting to $40.07 were incurred this past year in sending out the letter above referred to, the amount being advanced by the Secretary of the Committee, Mr. E.C. Leonard, and we recommend that an order be drawn in his favor for that amount.

The Committee on Home Missions presented the following report which was accepted and its recommendations were adopted:

Your Committee on Home Missions would report that the year just closed has marked a gratifying advance along all lines.

The contributions of our churches to the Board have passed beyond those of any of the preceding five years. In addition to maintaining our Synodical work, our Churches, Sabbath Schools and Societies have contributed to the Board's Treasury $87,020.05, leading all the Synods of the Church, and for Mission School Work, $64,644.60, making a grand total for evangelistic and Mission School Work, $167,664.65.

The Board has co-operated with the Synodical Committee in special work with most gratifying results. The work among foreigners may be set forth in the following exhibit:

Nationality.	*Ministers.*	*Other Workers.*	*Churches.*	*Missions.*	*Members.*
Armenian	2	1	1	–	103
Bohemian	3	–	2	2	199
Chinese	1	–	1	–	11
French	2	–	2	–	319
German	7	–	9	–	1342
Hungarian	4	2	2	3	545
Italian	20	6	9	13	607
Syrian	–	1	1	1	120
Ruthenian	1	–	–	1	95
Persian	–	0	–	1	—
10	40	9	27	21	3222

The work among our New York Indians is cared for by the Board's *Department of Indian Missions.*

The Board has, at large expense maintained and somewhat extended its work along lines of social study so that the late General Assembly instructed the Board to create a *Department of Social Service* which shall include the *Department of Church and Labor.*

It has regarded with thoughtful interest the problems of the country church, and, devising methods by which those nurseries of the great vineyard may be kept and nourished, it has created during the past year, the *Department of Church and Country Life.*

Our responsibility for the spiritual interests of the large and increasing multitudes of foreigners in our midst has led to the equipment of the special *Department of Immigration*.

But apart from the special phases of work in which our Synod is particularly interested we cannot lose interest in the great field stretching over the continent in which our Board has made its most illustrious record.

It has led the march of civilization from sea to sea. Its missionaries have been in the vanguard. They have set the standard of the cross on the mountains and in the valleys. They have made the western wilderness a fruitful field. They have infused the American spirit as well as the gospel life into the Islands of the seas and blazed the path of progress through the trackless empire of Alaska. Men may glorify the name and applaud the achievements of Gen. Fremont the great "pathfinder" but they must admit that the path he found had been made years before by the intrepid missionaries, Samuel Parker and Marcus Whitman, whom New York sent out as pioneer missionaries.

More than a score of years ago the late Gov. Routt of Colorado, said of another son of New York, the intrepid Home Missionary, Sheldon Jackson; "He has done more than any other hundred men to bring to the business world the knowledge of the illimitable resources and mighty possibilities of the Rocky Mountain regions."

So our Home Mission work serves the interests of our country and the interests of the Kingdom of God. It has to do with the affairs of the life that now is, as well as of that which is to come. It links religion and patriotism in building up the Kingdom of righteousness.

We of New York have great reason for sustaining this great Board of the Church. By the memories of the past, the achievements of the present and the hopes of the future, must we make this cause our own and nourish it and strengthen it by our prayers, our sympathies and our consecrated offerings.

Your Committee would respectfully recommend:

1. That our churches and individual givers be reminded that in assuming the support of our Synodical work they are not released from obligation to support the national work.

2. That the literature of the Board be faithfully used for better instruction of the people as to the claims of this cause.

3. That we gratefully recognize the hearty co-operation of the Board with our Synodical Missions enterprises.

4. That we encourage and co-operate with the Board in its special effort in behalf of the Indians, the Country Churches, the Church and Labor Movement, and the work among the vast and increasing populations of foreigners within the bounds of our Synod.

5. We earnestly recommend the Every-Member-Weekly-Budget-Pledge, as making proportionate provision for all the benevolences of our Church in the simplest and most systematic way.

The Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly offered the following report which was approved:

The Committee has carefully examined the Minutes and finds the following actions of the Assembly pertinent to this Report:

1. The Form of Government, Chap. XI, Section IV, was amended in part to read, "The Synod may appoint an Executive Commission, of which the Chairmanship, the number of members, powers, duties, and terms of service shall be determined by the Synod."

2. The following resolutions presented by the Committee on Narrative of Christian Life and Work were adopted:

a. That the attention of Presbyteries and Synods be again called to the imperative need of better arrangements for the reporting of the Narrative, and to that end the Assembly would suggest to each of them that there be a Standing Committee of at least three rotating members, together with the Moderator and Stated Clerk, *ex officio*, making five, to prepare the narrative and that a period of at least one hour be allotted to the Report at the close of a morning session of the judicatory, to be accompanied with exercises of praise and prayer.

b. That the Stated Clerks of Synods be and are hereby appointed as advisory members of the General Assembly's Special Committee on the Narrative of Christian Life and Work, and that the Synods be requested to direct the said Clerks to co-operate with the Committee in the preparation of the narrative for the Assembly.

The Committee on Temperance submitted the following report which was accepted and its recommendations adopted after an address on the subject by Rev. Henry H. Barstow:

"Watchman, what of the night," is the question that keeps forcing itself to our lips as we consider successively the work of the various Boards of the Church. To what extent is the darkness of sin, of human degradation and misery, passing away? How goes the battle against the mighty forces of evil? What are the prospects for the over throw of Satan, the Prince of the Powers of Darkness?

"The morning cometh and also the night." For sometimes doubtless there will be victories followed by reversals, but on the whole there are more victories than defeats. "The prospects are as bright as the promises of God's word." He has decreed that "every crooked thing shall be made straight." Beams of the Son of Righteousness are penetrating the darkness and it is beginning to be day-break everywhere; even as regards the gross darkness of intemperance we may confidently say: "The morning cometh."

More and more clearly church members realize that strong drink is one of the greatest hindrances, if not the greatest hindrance to the progress of Christ's Kingdom, and are lining up for battle against it under Christ our leader—responsive to that noble utterance of our General Assembly: "The Church which is not at war with the Saloon is untrue to Jesus Christ. The Church is here through the preaching of Jesus Christ to save lost men. The saloon is here through the sale of alcoholic liquors, to ruin lost men. The two cannot go together!"

Broadly speaking, church members are today the champions of No-License. By a simple logic they are saying: "Since God has said No drunkard shall

inherit the kingdom of heaven," Christians of all denominations are fast coming into accord with the utterances of the Rev. Albert Barnes, when a half century ago in his noted sermon entitled "The Throne of Iniquity," he said: "A law which assumes that a thing is wrong and yet tolerates it, which attempts to check and regulate it, without utterly prohibiting it, which aims to derive a revenue from it for the purpose of the government, which makes the morally wrong legal, is one of those things in human affairs, with which the throne of God can never have fellowship."

This question of Alcoholism, as never before, is earnestly engaging the attention of thinking people. Political Economists, statesmen, business men, eminent physicians and men of science, in addition to teachers of morals and religion are agreed that strong drink works injury to the bodies, minds and souls of men, that it increases vice, crime and poverty, that it multiplies the number of the insane, the idiotic, the epileptic and the various classes of the physically, mentally, and morally feeble. Why then are the people so slow in putting away this great cause of evil and misery? The reason is found, of course, first in the depravity of the human heart which is so full of sinful appetites and passions; but a great reason is the Love of Money, for the profits derived from the manufacture and sale of strong drinks are enormous. Why was it that, long after the people of our land saw the evils and sin of American slavery, they allowed it to continue? Because there was large money derived from slave labor. "Cotton was King." In the raising, shipping and manufacture of cotton into different kinds of merchandise there were great profits and there were proslavery men both south and north. Yes, the Greed for gold delayed the putting away the sin of American Slavery; and remember that the money profits from slave labor were small indeed compared with the profits derived from the manufacture and sale of strong drink. For this reason the struggle in which we are engaged, undoubtedly will be fierce and long. Perhaps, as some have prophesied, this struggle will be the most terrible ever witnessed on the American continent; but this should neither daunt nor discourage; the battle is not ours but the Lord's. A little over three hundred years ago the heroes of Holland, as led by William of Orange, were standing up for the Protestant Faith assulted by the mightiest Emperor of the Age whose banners the Pope had blessed. In the midst of the prolonged struggle when the young republic seemed about to be destroyed, William received a letter asking if he had succeeded in making an alliance, with some foreign powers, meaning England, Germany or France; and William of Orange sent back the prompt reply: "Yes, I have formed an alliance with the great foreign Power; before I undertook the cause of the oppressed Church I made a close alliance with the King of Kings and Lord of Lords." In that faith those noble Hollanders fought and won. Since we have formed an alliance with God, and are moving on with Him against the Powers of Sin and Darkness the final victory is certain. Surely, "The Morning Cometh."

We recommend:

1. That our ministers in their preaching seek more to quicken the conscience, develop a stronger love of righteousness, a deeper hatred of sin, a more resolute

courage, a holier zeal and a fuller development of all those other graces essential to make the church truly the church militant.

2. That our ministers in their preaching put added emphasis on the sin of drunkeness and the sin of licensing a business which develops drunkeness.

3. That our Sessions avail themselves fully of all the valuable temperance literature which our Assembly's Committee is ready to distribute on application.

4. That our Sessions take such steps as shall place as far as possible in all their homes and Sabbath Schools copies of the *Amethyst* which is published by our Temperance Committee.

5. That our Sessions do more to induce people to sign temperance pledge cards in our Sunday Schools and Young People's Societies and to engage more earnestly in personal work seeking to lead to Christ those who have become victims of the drink habit.

6. That our Sessions secure annual offerings for the valuable work of this Committee.

7. That our pastors and churches give their earnest support to the New York Anti-Saloon League in its fight against the liquor traffic, especially with reference to the following objects:

a. The systematic education and enlistment of the churches and the people against the liquor traffic through the regular presentation of the work of the League in the churches and at the Sunday services when possible.

b. The organization of the counties of the state in the interest of securing no license in the towns.

c. The better enforcement of existing excise laws in all places, through the constituted public officials, especially of the no license status in towns that have so voted.

d. Vigorous opposition to any weakening of the present restrictive measures of the liquor tax law especially those pertaining to the protection of the Sabbath, the Church, the Schools and the home.

e. The passage by the Legislature of an Amendment to the Liquor Tax Law, at once, extending local option at least to the cities of the third class which include cities of 50,000 or less and comprising 40 of the 49 cities of the state.

f. The sacred maintenance of the principle of local self government on the question of the liquor traffic. When a state as a whole or any part of a state has by direct vote of the people or through legislative enactment, declared against the existence of the liquor traffic within their bounds, it is little less than tyranny for the State and Federal Government to permit liquor manufacturers in other states or sections of states to nullify such declaration by shipping the outlawed liquor into the states or sections that have so voted.

To this end we urge upon Congressmen and Senators from New York State to use their votes and influence to secure the passage of laws bringing interstate shipments of liquor under state control immediately on their crossing the state lines and not after delivery to the consignee.

We also urge them to help secure laws preventing the practical licensing by the Federal Government of the sale of liquors in no license sections by the acceptance of revenue from illicit sellers and the granting of a federal liquor tax receipt of the same.

We further urge upon the members of the Senate and Assembly of New York State the prompt passage of amendments to the Liquor Tax Law, making it a misdemeanor for a liquor manufacturer or dealer in a city or license town to ship his wares into a no license town or for any one in a no license town to receive or dispense such liquors to others in any way whatsoever. In this connection we would also recommend to our pastors and members that in every proper way they cooperate with its Anti-Saloon League in support of legislators and public officials, irrespective of partisan or ecclesiastical affiliations, whose public record has shown them to be opponents of the liquor traffic.

8. That pastors and people put their main reliance for success in this work on the preaching and teaching of Bible truth energized by the presence and power of the Holy Spirit.

9. And finally, Synod recommends that from time to time the mid week church service be devoted to special prayer in behalf of this work, for this is the victory that overcometh the world even our faith.

The Committee of Arrangements recommended the following order for the celebration of the Lord's Supper at 4:15 o'clock this afternoon, which was approved: The Moderator to preside, the Rev. Messrs. Howard Agnew Johnston, D.D., and Willis J. Beecher, D.D., to officiate in the distribution of the elements, assisted by Elders Horace Briggs, Thomas Dransfield, Judson W. Hapeman, Joseph E. Messenger, Augustus Denniston and William S. Downer.

After prayer, recess was taken until 2 o'clock P. M.

THURSDAY, October 19, 2 o'clock P. M.

After prayer, business was resumed.

Synod took the following action in connection with the question of divorce and remarriage:

We believe that the evil which we deplore is not rooted in any fault to be found in the divorce law of the state of New York: that unfortunately the Constitution of the United States requires us to recognize in the State of New York as valid the contract of remarriage in another state of one whose remarriage in the State of New York would be a crime, make him a criminal, as well as place him where he would be in contempt of the Court which by its decree forbade such remarriage; that the divorce law of the State of New York which authorizes divorce on the one only scriptural ground is all that is to be desired by us; that the remedy which is needed is a uniform law for all the states, or a law in each state which shall make criminal and punish as a crime the remarriage in any place of man or woman who by the law of any state or the valid decree of any Court is forbidden to remarry. We believe that such a law would render difficult if not impossible collusion for divorce and remarriage.

We offer and recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, that the sentiments above expressed be adopted as the sentiments of this Synod sitting at Auburn, Oct. 19, 1911.

Resolved, That this Synod urges the passage in all the states within its bounds of such laws as shall make void the marriage of any divorced person forbidden by the law of any state or by the valid decree of any Court to remarry and making any such remarriage a crime.

It was ordered that a Committee of seven on Divorce and Remarriage be appointed to report at the next meeting of the Synod. The following persons were appointed by the Moderator as such Committee: Gen. Ralph E. Prime, chairman; Rev. Messrs. David G. Wylie, D.D., Wilton Merle Smith, D.D., Francis S. Haines, Elders Edmund P. Platt, Thomas Dransfield and Silas F. Hallock, M.D.

The Committee on Finance presented the following report which was accepted and its recommendations were adopted:

Your Committee has audited the Treasurer's books and accounts, compared the vouchers with the charges and find the same correct and recommend their approval.

The following is the Treasurer's report for the year ending October, 1911:

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand Oct. 1, 1910		$2,194.18
From Presbytery due Oct. 1, 1910	$ 39.89	
Presbyterial Apportionments	1,434.99	
Interest	60.00	$1,534.88
		$3,729.06

DISBURSEMENTS.

Brick Presbyterian Church, Rochester	$100.00	
Sexton Presbyterian Church, Rochester	20.00	
Expenses Executive Commission	93.27	
Premium Bond, Treas. Synodical Missions	20.00	
Brotherhood Committee	25.00	
Temporary Clerks	40.00	
Printing Religious Corporation Law and Minutes	229.60	
Postage on same	67.00	
Manhattan Storage and Warehouse Co.	6.00	
Salary Permanent Clerk	150.00	
Salary Stated Clerk	400.00	
Postage, Stationery, etc., Stated Clerk	16.75	
Committee on Hamilton College	1.70	
Committee on Ministerial Relief	13.03	
Expenses of Treasurer	16.08	$1,198.43
Balance on hand, Oct. 17, 1911		$2,530.63

Your Committee would also recommend:

1. That an appropriation of twenty dollars be made to the janitor of the Central Presbyterian Church, Auburn.

2. That there be paid Systematic Beneficence Committee for expenses $ 4.44
To the Evangelistic Committee for expenses 52.94
To the Committee on Ministerial Relief for expenses 40.07

Total $97. 45

3. That the assessment for the current fiscal year be at the rate of seven mills per communicant.

The Committee to nominate Visitors to Auburn Theological Seminary reported, recommending the appointment of the following persons to serve during the current Synodical year and they were duly appointed: Rev. Messrs. W. L. Sawtelle, C. W. Cherry, J. Howard Hobbs and Elders Geo. R. Sutherland, G. P. Connor, and Geo. M. Welles.

The following resolution was referred to the Committee on The Lord's Day Observance:

Resolved, that the Committee on Sabbath Observance be requested to take under consideration the presentation to the next meeting of the Synod, a resolution commending to Ministers and Laymen the question of pastor's duties being so adjusted as to provide for one day's rest in seven.

The Committee on Young People's Societies presented the following report which was accepted:

Your Committee cheerfully reports that again twenty-two presbyteries have made full returns. The silent presbyteries, not reporting to the Young People's Department at Philadelphia or to Synod's Committee being Cayuga, Hudson, Nassau and Utica.

The twenty-two Presbyteries report a total of 1068 Societies, of which 381 are Christian Endeavor, Senior, Intermediate or Junior. Last year 552 Endeavor societies were reported. Sixty-three of the total number of Societies were exclusively for boys. The total membership reported was 31,757, a net gain of 3132. We also note with satisfaction that during the year, 1,327 members were added to the churches on examination. There was also a marked increase in the number of Bible Study Classes organized, the entire number being 140, only eight societies, however, adopted the programme recommended by the Young People's Department.

The Young People of our churches are reported as contributing, $9252 to Foreign Missions, $7807 to Home Missions, $592 to the Department of Young People's Work, $1015 to the other Boards of the church and $17,714 for local expenses, a total of $45,988.

Your Committee is of the opinion that these figures by no means represent the numerical strength, nor yet the contributions of our young people. We should bear in mind that six other agencies are at work along the same or similar lines.

Besides the work of the Young People's Department, the Assembly's Board of Foreign Missions, through its Educational Department, promotes study classes; the Women's Boards of Foreign Missions seek to deal directly with young people's societies, doing a work of education and securing gifts; the Assembly's Board of Home Missions and the Women's Board of Home Missions, plan to instruct the young people in the need of the home field and to enlist their support; the Board of Freedmen through its Ladies' Auxiliary, arranges programs and secures offerings; and the Assembly's Permanent Committee on Temperance is also active among the young people giving instruction, securing subscriptions to the pledge and asking for offerings. In addition to these seven agencies of the church there are many interdenominational organizations such as Christian Endeavor, the Boy Scouts, the Girl Guides, the King's Daughters and the Knights of King Arthur, each having its head quarters and appealing to the young people.

In 1907, General Assembly, in view of the various and unrelated agencies, influencing the young people of our church, directed a committee to prepare some plan for a central bureau for the Christian nurture of the young. In 1909, the Committee presented and General Assembly adopted the following recommendation, "That the Assembly unify its educational work among children and youth by committing it for general supervision to the Board of Publication and Sabbath-School Work."

Into this arrangement we in New York do not seem to have entered heartily, only eight of our societies having adopted the educational plan devised and recommended by the Department of Young People's Work.

The International Christian Endeavor Society, at its Convention held in Atlantic City last July, in view of the magnificent success of the Increase Campaign" by which upwards of a million new members were added, proposed and planned for a two years "Efficiency Campaign." The Secretary of the Department of Young People's Work urges that we all join heartily in this effort to make every society more efficient. In this we heartily concur.

The Committee on Sabbath School and Publication Work offered the following report which was accepted and its recommendations were adopted:

Any survey of the trend of thought in our Church will show that it is coming to regard christian education as its largest problem. It has also become clear that the solution of the problem is likely to be evolutionary, while its final result may be revolutionary. In the last analysis by inexorable logic we must conclude that it is the church's problem. Profound study and a wisdom and patience more than human, will be required to work it out. And if there be any one branch of the American Church to which the call of leadership comes more fitly than to any other, it would seem to be our own. It will be in line with our historic position, and with our best traditions, since our church has ever been the friend and

patron of christian education. Nor has it ever waited to tread a path already marked out. It has gloried in being a pioneer. Both in the more elementary work of the home and the Sabbath School and in the more advanced work of the academy and college, it has shown its quick appreciation of religious education and of that form of religious education which is distinctly christian Moreover, Christian education stands if possible in more vital relation, to the building of character and to equipment for service in our time than ever before. A hint at what our church is already undertaking along educational lines, particularly among Young People is furnished by a glance at the closing pages of this Board's last report to the General Assembly. Every one of our Boards except two, has undertaken educational work on its own account. The primacy, however, in this line easily belongs to the Board of Publication and Sabbath School Work. With this Board it is not a side line but the main line. Its giant task will be on the one hand to co-ordinate and unify all these agencies and on the other to incite individual pastors and churches to undertake the work in orderly fashion. There are many evidences that this Board is alive to its vast responsibilities. It is not possible in this brief report to survey the various branches of the Boards work. In the Sabbath School section, its double purpose is succinctly stated to be "more schools and better schools." The Sabbath School missionary now finds as much stress laid upon making the sabbath schools better as upon increasing their number. The amplified sphere of the Sabbath School missionary's work makes it one of growing significance and dignity. He ranks with the Home Missionary, even if he does not rival him, as a nation builder and as a kingdom builder. All honor to our Sabbath School Missionaries. They ought to wear the garlands of a grateful church, and be given the right to a benefit, in old age or sickness.

By the splendid series of graded lessons now coming out, by its emphasis upon teacher training and mission study, by its stimulus to the Home Department, and by its inspiration and wise suggestions to our Young People's Societies, the Board is assuming leadership in expanding the thought, purpose and efficiency of the church in the christian nurture of its youth.

How fully the importance of the subject of christian education which your Committee has here sought to magnify was seen by the last Assembly and is shown by the fact that the first eight recommendations of its Standing Committee relate exclusively to this subject.

We would venture to make the following recommendations:

1. That pastors be urged to have placed in the hands of their elders a copy of the last report of the Board to the General Assembly, to the end that the array of facts therein set forth, which the brevity of this report does not permit us to rehearse, may be brought to their attention.

2. That all possible encouragement be given the Board in its efforts to push and expand its educational work.

3. We urge as a very practical part of this encouragement that the Board be given a larger place in the benefactions of the church, so that high grade educational superintendents may be increased in number.

4. That this Synod heartily approves of the development and perfecting of the graded lesson series and urges upon the churches a careful consideration of

their merits, and also urges that supplemental studies is christian life and doctrine and in the history of the church at large and our own church in particular be supplied.

5. That the Presbyteries consider the propriety of consolidating the committees on Publication and Sabbath School work and the Committee on Young People's work into a committee whose work it shall be to plan and push educational work in the individual churches.

6. *Resolved*, that the Ministers and Elders of the Synod be requested to avail themselves of the very favorable opportunity to buy books of all sorts, and Sunday School supplies as offered by the Board of Publication, because all profits from their sale are used in behalf of the Sunday School Missionary work of this Board.

In connection with the above report, Rev. George M. Gordon, addressed the Synod.

The interests of the American Bible Society were presented by Rev. William Hogarth Tower.

The following action was taken:

Resolved, that this Synod again expresses its most hearty approval of the work of the American Bible Society and commends it to the generous support of the churches, and their members and that where practicable, the churches be asked to give the society, a place in their financial budget for benevolences.

Addresses were made by Messrs. George P. Conard and C. G. McKaraher on "New Phases of Synodical Work."

The report of the Committee on Foreign Missions was verbally presented by the chairman, Rev. C. Waldo Cherry. After an address by the chairman, the report was accepted and the following recommendations were adopted:

1. That Presbyteries and individual pastors be urged to co-operate with the Boards in introducing the individual subscription plans provided by the Executive Commission, into all the Churches of the Synod where some other plan of individual subscription is not already in force.

2. That Presbyteries shall be requested to organize united missions committees after the plan outlined by the boards of Home and Foreign Missions whose object shall be the securing of individual subscription for missions in all the churches; and that this Presbyterial committee shall endeavor to arrange for the creation of a joint-missions committee in each church within the bounds of Presbytery.

3. That Pastor and Sabbath School Superintendents be urged to form classes in mission study among the young people of their churches, and to provide for missionary instruction in the Sabbath School.

The members of the Executive Commission whose terms expire at this time were reappointed to serve for the term of three years and

Rev. George B. Stewart, D.D., was appointed to fill the unexpired term caused by the decease of Rev. Rice V. Hunter, D.D.

The following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, that the Synod of New York as it closes its Sessions in Auburn, N. Y., desires to place on record its heart felt expression of grateful appreciation for the splendid reception and entertainment given by the people of the Presbyterian Churches of that city.

We would give special thanks to the pastor and people of the Central Church for their careful and complete provision for the Sessions of Synod in their beautiful Church building; to the Entertainment Committee for its cordial and courteous consideration of the delegates in every particular; to the good people of the homes of Auburn who have welcomed the delegates with such abounding hospitality; to the Faculty and Trustees of Auburn Theological Seminary for their generous entertainment at the dinner on Wednesday evening and the inspiration afforded by their after dinner speeches; to General and Mrs. William H. Seward for their gracious reception tendered the Synod on Wednesday afternoon, so charming in its atmosphere of historic and patriotic lore; to the First Presbyterian Church for its courtesy in opening its doors for the organ recital and the popular meeting on Thursday evening; to the Mayor of Auburn and the Business Men's Association, for the conveyance of the good will of the city; to the Owasco Country Club and the Masonic Club for extending the courtesy of their appointments to the delegates; to the Auburn newspapers for the reports of Synod's proceedings and to the railroads for the granting of special rates to those in attendance.

The Committee on Leave of Absence reported that the following members of the Synod, for adequate reasons, had been permitted to withdraw before the close of the Sessions and the report was accepted:

Presbytery of Albany: *Elders*—William P. Betts, Charles P. Rooney.
Binghamton: *Minister*—Alvin C. Sawtelle.
Boston: *Minister*—Herbert A. Manchester.
Brooklyn: *Minister*—Herbert H. Field; *Elder*—Charles P. Oakley.
Buffalo: *Ministers*—Henry Ward, W. Closson McGarvey, W. Hamilton Benham, Carl H. Dudley; *Elder*—Charles S. Butler.
Chemung: *Minister*—John D. Warren; *Elder*—John G. Griffin.
Geneva: *Elder*—Francis A. Rugar.
Long Island: *Minister*—Arthur Newman.
Lyons: *Elder*—Frank H. Closs.
New York: *Minister*—Wilton Merle Smith.
Niagara: *Ministers*—Daniel M. Geddes, Benjamin M. Swan.
Otsego: *Elder*—Robert Blair.
St. Lawrence: *Minister*—William F. Skinner.
Steuben: *Elder*—Othniel Preston.
Syracuse: *Minister*—Isaac O. Best; *Elders*—Martin E. Barlow, F. E. Clarke.
Troy: *Minister*—Daniel H. Martin; *Elder*—William R. Ottman.

Utica: *Elder*—Frederick O. Harter.
Westchester: *Minister*—Paul Stratton.

The Treasurer was authorized to pay the usual bills and salaries.

The several Standing Committees were called and having no further business to present were discharged.

The Roll was called and the following persons were found to be absent without leave:

Presbytery of Buffalo: *Elder*—W. A. Hart.
Hudson: *Minister*—Francis S. Haines.
Long Island—*Minister*—William H. Lloyd.
New York: *Elder*—H. W. Schwartz.
Syracuse: *Elder*—William Moody.
Troy: *Minister*—Charles E. McGinness.
Utica: *Ministers*—J. Howar l Hobbs, Benjamin B. Knapp.

The Minutes were read and approved.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was observed according to previous arrangement.

Recess was then taken until 7:30 o'clock, P. M.

THURSDAY, October 19, 7.30 o'clock P. M.

A popular meeting in the interest of Home and Foreign Missions was held in the First Presbyterian Church.

Addresses were made by Rev. William Adams Brown, D.D., and by Rev. Stanley White, D.D.

The remaining Minutes were read and approved.

The business having been completed, the Synod adjourned to meet in the First Church, Watertown, N. Y., Tuesday, the fifteenth day of October, 1912, at half past seven o'clock P. M.

Closed with Prayer and the Apostolic Benediction.

DANIEL A. FERGUSON,
Permanent Clerk.

ATTEST:
J. WILFORD JACKS,
Stated Clerk.

Appendix

I. REPORT OF THE PRESBYTERIES.

I. **The Presbytery of Albany** consists of sixty-four ministers and forty-nine churches.

Ministers received:

December 3, 1910, Rev. Wilbur A. Wagar from the Champlain Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church;

April 18, 1911, Rev. George Dugan, D.D. from the Presbytery of New York;

Rev. John J. Cameron from the Presbytery of McLeod, Canada;

June 20, Rev. George T. Lemmon from the Troy Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Licentiates received:

June 20, 1911, Raymond C. Hoag from the Presbytery of West Jersey; Charles D. Brokenshire from the Presbytery of New Brunswick.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

December 12, 1910, between Rev. Walter S. Brown and the Sand Lake Church;

January 31, 1911, between Rev. Jeremiah V. Wemple and the 6th Church of Albany;

April 18, between Rev. Wesley W. Cole and the Charlton Church;

June 20, between Rev. John McNab and the First Church of Saratoga Springs.

Ordinations:

June 26, 1911, Charles D. Brokenshire as an evangelist;

June 30, Raymond C. Hoag.

Installations:

January 17, 1911, Rev. Arthur M. Ellis over the Stephentown Church;

April 26, Rev. George Dugan, D.D. over the Albany, Fourth Church;

June 30, Rev. Raymond C. Hoag over the Charlton Church;

September 19, Rev. George T. Lemmon over the Sand Lake Church.

Ministers dismissed:

January 31, 1911, Rev. Jeremiah V. Wemple to the Classis of Ulster;

April 18, Rev. Henry A. Lewis to the Classis of Paramus; Rev. Wesley W. Cole to the Presbytery of Utica;

June 20, Rev. John McNab to the Presbytery of North River;

Sept. 19, Rev. James H. Gramps to the Presbytery of Erie.

Deceased:

June 21, 1911, Rev. John McClellan Holmes, D. D., died at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., aged 77 years.

Churches united:

The union of the Albany Third Church with the Second Church of Albany was consummated by the election of officers of the united congregations on October 12, 1910, under the corporate name of "The Second Presbyterian Congregation in the City of Albany."

Pastor Emeritus:

Rev. Walter S. Brown, Pastor Emeritus of the Sand Lake Church.

II. **The Presbytery of Binghamton** consists of thirty-nine ministers and thirty-two churches.

Ministers received:

April 17, 1911, Rev. John M. Boggs, D. D., and Rev. James A. Anderson from the Presbytery of Genesee;

April 18, Rev. Oliver Hemstreet from the Presbytery of Lackawanna;

April 25, Rev. Curtin G. Roop from the Genesee Methodist Episcopal Conference;

September 18, Rev. Lawrence R. Howard from the Presbytery of Elizabeth;

September 30, Rev. Louis M. Lawrence from the Presbytery of St. Lawrence.

Licentiates received:

April 18, 1911, Mr. Paul R. Hoppe from the Presbytery of Syracuse; Mr. Edgar P. Carson from the Presbytery of Cayuga.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

October 31, 1910, between Rev. Wilmot A. Carrington and the Church at Marathon;

January 28, 1911, between Rev. R. Spencer Young and the Broad Avenue Church of Binghamton;

June 12, between Rev. C. Davis Van Wagoner and the Church at Whitney Point;

August 10, between Rev. John P. Crane and the Church at Nineveh;

September 19, between Rev. J. Cadog Hughes and the Church at Windsor.

Ordinations:

May 11, 1911, Paul R. Hoppe at McGraw;

May 12, Edgar P. Carson at Hancock.

Installations:

April 27, 1911, Rev. John M. Boggs, D. D. over the Church at Marathon;

May 11, Rev. Paul R. Hoppe over the Church at McGraw;

May 12, Rev. Edgar P. Carson over the Church at Hancock;

September 21, Rev. Lawrence R. Howard over the Church at Owego.

Ministers dismissed:

October 31, 1910, Rev. Wilmot A. Carrington to the Presbytery of Wellsboro;

June 12, 1911, Rev. C. Davis Van Wagoner to the Presbytery of North River;

August 10, Rev. John P. Crane to the Presbytery of Lackawanna;

September 19, Rev. R. Spencer Young to the Presbytery of Newark; Rev. J. Cadog Hughes to the Presbytery of Iowa.

III. **The Presbytery of Boston** consists of sixty-nine ministers, forty-one churches and has under its care nine candidates.

Ministers received:

December 19, 1910, Rev. A. Arthur Griffes, Ph.D., from the Presbytery of Dayton;

January 9, 1911, Rev. Clarence A. Young from the Philadelphia Presbytery, Reformed Presbyterian Church;

April 18, Rev. Shadrach V. Bedickian from the Presbytery of Northumberland;

June 19, Rev. John L. Hess from the Methodist Episcopal Church; Rev. Bernard Christopher from the New Hampshire Baptist Association;

October 4, Rev. James W. Smith from the Delaware Presbytery, United Presbyterian Church.

Candidate taken under care:

April 19, 1911, Gardiner N. MacPherson.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

October 24, 1910, between Rev. Wm. Albert Brown, Ph.D., and the Church at Hyde Park;

December 19, between Rev. John D. MacKenzie and the First Church, Barre;

January 9, 1911, between Rev. Wm. M. Tufts, D. D., and the Union Square Church, Somerville;

August 31, between Rev. Charles W. Dane, Ph.D., and the Park Street Church, Portland;

October 3, between Rev. Thomas Douglas, Ph.D., and the First Church, South Framingham.

Ordination and installation:

December 1, 1910, Rev. Frank A. Arbuckle over the Church at Houlton.

Installations:

October 12, 1910, Rev. James D. Cameron over the church at Lonsdale;

October 16, Rev. Charles W. Dane, Ph.D., over the Park Street Church, Portland;

January 18, 1911,Rev. Clarence A. Young over the Roxbury Church, Boston;

January 25, Rev. Wm. M. Tufts, D. D., over the First Church, Boston.

Ministers dismissed:

December 19, 1910, Rev. John D. MacKenzie to the Presbytery of High River, Canada;

January 9, 1911, Rev. John A. McKamy, D. D., to the Presbytery of Cedar Rapids; Rev. Donald J. MacDonald to the Prot. Episcopal Church, N. Y. Diocese.

Candidate dismissed:

April 19, 1911, Lewis W. Sherwin to the care of the Cayuga Presbytery.

Church enrolled:

October 4, 1911, St. Paul's, Mattapan, Mass.

Died:
March 24, 1911, Rev. Joseph S. Gibb, aged 32 years;
May 5, Rev. Albert Watson, aged 65 years;
July 2, Rev. Henry C. Fay, aged 84 years.

IV. **The Presbytery of Brooklyn** consists of one hundred ministers, forty-eight churches and has under its care one licentiate and eleven candidates.

Ministers received:
November 28, 1910, Rev. Rockwood MacQuesten, Ph.D., from the Classis of Raritan;
February 27, 1911, Rev. William McCoy from the Presbytery of Transvaal;
May 22, Rev. Chester E. Jenney from the Wyoming Conference of the Methodist Church.

Candidates taken under care:
February 27, 1911, Elsner E. Smith; Anson F. Boisen from the Presbytery of New York; Alexander M. Merkle from the Presbytery of Crawfordsville; Fred Eastman from the Presbytery of Lima;
September 25, H. Sears Thompson.

Candidates licensed:
May 22, 1911, G. E. Bevans, Robert A. Watson, A. W. Eberling, J. E. Oettinger, E. F. Eastman, A. T. Boisen, H. N. Morse, B. G. Braskamp;
September 25, A. M. Merkle.

Pastoral relations dissolved:
May 31, 1911, between Rev. Daniel W. Skellinger, D. D., and the Richmond Hill Church;
May 22, between Rev. Milton S. Littlefield, D. D., and the Bay Ridge Church;
June 30, between Rev. T. C. McClelland, D. D., and the Memorial Church.

Ordinations:
December 8, 1910, Luigi B. Verdoza;
January 3, 1911, Henry Baker;
May 22, Robert A. Watson, Elmore F. Eastman, Anson J. Boison, Herman N. Morse;
June 14, Alfred W. Eberling, John B. Oettinger, Bernard G. Braskamp;
September 25, Alexander M. Merkle.

Ministers dismissed:
February 27, 1911, Rev. Otto Braskamp to the Presbytery of Sacramento;
April 24, Rev. William McCoy to the Presbytery of Des Moines; Rev. Herbert K. England to the Presbytery of Elizabeth;
May 22, Rev. J. G. Bailey to the Presbytery of Jersey City;
June 26, Rev. D. W. Skellinger, D. D., to the Presbytery of Washington;
September 25, Rev. Henry Baker to the Presbytery of Albany; Rev. A. W. Eberling to the Presbytery of Boise.

Candidate dropped from roll:
October 8, 1911, Candidate C. G. B. Bauman died.

Minister deceased:
February 20, 1911, Rev. Francis E. Smith.

Miscellaneous:
September 25, 1911, Rev. Joseph E. Snyder elected Stated Clerk in place of Rev. T. Calvin McClelland resigned.

V. **The Presbytery of Buffalo** consists of fifty-nine ministers and fifty-eight churches, and has under its care two licentiates and local evangelists and eight candidates.

Ministers received:
April 17, 1911, Rev. Adam C. Shoedle from the Presbytery of Mahoning; Rev. Hiram D. Bacon from the Presbytery of Steuben;
June 27, Rev. Frank Hyatt Smith from the New York Christian Missionary Society;
September 25, Rev. George McCulloch from the Presbytery of St. Lawrence.

Candidates taken under care of Presbytery:
April 17, 1911, A. V. V. Raymond, Jr; James S. Wilson.

Pastoral relations dissolved:
November 18, 1910, between Rev. Robert Freeman and LaFayette Church, Buffalo; between Rev. Charles H. Couch and West Ave. Church, Buffalo;
January 22, 1911, between Rev. John S. Wolff and the Church at Ellicottville;
March 16, between Rev. F. L. McCauley and the Stanton St. Church, Buffalo; between Rev. F. L. Greene and the Sherman Church;
April 17, between Rev. H. H. Hubbell and the Church at Springville; between Rev. William Waith, Ph.D., and the Church at Lancaster.

Installations:
April 20, 1911, Rev. F. L. McCauley over the Church at Ellicottville;
June 28, Rev. N. S. Methfessal over the Church at Springville.

Ministers dismissed:
November 18, 1910, Rev. Robert Freeman to the Presbytery of Los Angeles;
January 22, 1911, Rev. John S. Wolff to the Presbytery of Lackawanna; Rev. Alfred T. Vail to the Presbytery of Chemung;
March 16, Rev. F. L. Greene to the Presbytery of Elizabeth;
April 17, Rev. Bela Basso to the Presbytery of Norfolk; Rev. Roscoe Graham to the Presbytery of Cleveland;
June 27, Rev. Alexander H. Fraser to the Presbytery of Kearney.

Candidate transferred:
June 27, 1911, Julius Kirk to the Presbytery of Cleveland.

Names dropped from the roll:
April 17, 1911, Rev. William A. M. Baird; Joseph K. Griffis.

Deaths:

March 4, 1911, Rev. Rice V. Hunter, D. D.;

September 25, reported to Presbytery, Rev. A. J. F. McBain, D.D.

VI. **The Presbytery of Cayuga** consists of forty-two ministers, twenty-two churches and has under its care six licentiates and four candidates.

Ministers received:

January 9, 1911, Rev. Walter Foss, from the Congregational Conference of Central New York; Rev. Cassius I. Sargent from the Classis of Montgomery;

April 26, Rev. Leon A. Losey from the Presbytery of Albany; Rev. Robert H. Nichols, Ph.D., from the Presbytery of Morris and Orange;

September 27, Rev. J. Herbert MacConnell from the Presbytery of Omaha; Rev. C. Gorman Richards, from the Presbytery of Indianapolis.

Candidate taken under care of Presbytery:

April 11, 1911, Howard V. Yergin.

Licentiate received:

April 11, 1911, George M. Gordon from the Presbytery of Kansas City.

Candidates licensed:

November 15, 1910, Taliesin W. Davies, Herbert E. Andrews, Harry A. Phillips;

April 11, 1911, Raphael S. Towne, Harry A. Phillips, Henry M. Tenney.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

November 15, 1910, between Rev. Arthur A. McKay and the Westminster Church, Auburn;

April 11, 1911, between Rev. Theodore J. Searls and Five Corners;

June 30, between Rev. John Sharpe and Fairhaven;

September 27, between Rev. Wm. H. Hubbard, D. D. and the First Presbyterian, Auburn.

Ordinations:

April 27, 1911, George M. Gordon, Alfred W. Moore, Harry A. Phillips, Arthur E. Rankin;

June 30, C. C. Cornwell.

Installations:

January 19, 1911, Rev. Cassius J. Sargent, Cato;

April 26, Rev. Leon A. Losey, Westminster, Auburn.

Ministers dismissed:

November 15, 1910, Rev. Walter Foss to St. Lawrence Presbytery; Rev. Ora F. Gardner to the Presbytery of Pueblo; Rev. Arthur A. McKay to the Presbytery of Monmouth;

February 27, 1911, Rev. C. J. Howell to Presbytery of Rochester;

April 11,, Rev. Melkon Jenanyan to the Presbytery of San Joaquin;

June 30, Rev. John Sharpe to the Presbytery of Cleveland; Rev. Howell Davies to the Presbytery of Otsego; Rev. Nao C. Ohno to the Presbytery of Los Angeles;

September 27, Rev. John F. Humphreys to the Presbytery of St. Lawrence; Rev. Arthur E. Rankin to the Presbytery of White river.

Candidates received:

May 27 1911, H. M. Tenney from the Presbytery of Athens;

April 26, Alfred W. Moore from the Presbytery of Wooster; Louis W. Sherwin from the Presbytery of Boston;

May 10, Leo A. Gates from Presbytery of Steuben.

Licentiates transferred:

April 11, 1911, C. Herbert Rice to the Presbytery of Chester; Charles L. Duncan to the Presbytery of San Francisco; R. D. Winegert to the Presbytery of Red Stone; Edgar P. Carson to the Presbytery of Binghamton;

September 27, Grant Merchant to the Presbytery of Niagara; H. E. Andrews to the Presbytery of Syracuse.

VII. **The Presbytery of Champlain** consists of fifteen ministers, twenty-one churches and has under its care one candidate.

Pastoral relation dissolved:

June 12, 1911, between Rev. Adrian V. S. Wallace and the Church at Chateaugay.

Minister dismissed:

June 12, 1911, Rev. Adrian V. S. Wallace to the Classis of Westchester of the Reformed Church of America.

VIII. **The Presbytery of Chemung** consists of twenty-four ministers and twenty-one churches.

Ministers received:

April 17, 1911, Rev. Alfred T. Vail from the Presbytery of Buffalo;

September 18, Rev. Edwin P. Essick from the Presbytery of Westchester;

September 19, Rev. Oliphant Gibbons from the Presbytery of Philadelphia.

Licentiate received:

May 26, 1911, Harry W. Smith from the Presbytery of Utica.

Pastoral relation dissolved:

May 26, 1911, Rev. Evan M. Jones and the Church at Spencer.

Ordination:

June 27, 1911, Harry W. Smith.

Installations:

April 17, 1911, Rev. Alfred T. Vail over the Church at Big Flats;

June 27, Rev. Harry W. Smith over the Church at Horseheads.

Ministers dismissed:

May 26, 1911, Rev. Evan M. Jones to the Presbytery of Genesee.

Death:

Nov. 3, 1910, Rev. John Cairns, aged 77.

Church dissolved:

September 19, 1911, the Church at Sullivanville.

IX. **The Presbytery of Chile** consists of eighteen ministers, fifteen churches and has under its care forty local evangelists and three licentiates.

X. **The Presbytery of Columbia** consists of fifteen ministers and nineteen churches, and has under its care one local evangelist.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

April 19, 1911, between the Rev. Robert Bramfitt and the Church at Cairo; between the Rev. J. Hillman Hollister and the Church at Valatie.

Ministers dismissed:

April 19, 1911, the Rev. J. Hillman Hollister, to the Presbytery of Westchester;

June 16, the Rev. Robert Bramfitt to the Presbytery of Nassau.

XI. **The Presbytery of Eastern Persia** consists of twelve ministers and four churches.

XII. **The Presbytery of Genesee** consists of twenty-five ministers and eighteen churches, and has one candidate under its care.

Ministers received:

September 26, 1911, Rev. John N. McCoy, from the Presbytery of Kittanning;

October 3, Rev. Evan M. Jones from the Presbytery of Chemung.

Candidate taken under care of Presbytery:

September 25, 1910, Donald M. Chappell.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

January 25, 1911, between Rev. John M. Boggs, D.D., and the Church at Byron; between Rev. Warren S. Stone and the Church at LeRoy.

Ordination:

April 19, 1911, Joseph Sunter.

Installations:

April 19, 1911, Rev. Joseph Sunter, over the Church at Stone Church;

October 3, Rev. Evan M. Jones, over the Church at LeRoy;

October 11, Rev. John Norris McCoy, over the Church at Pike.

Ministers dismissed:

January 25, 1911, Rev. Warren S. Stone to the Presbytery of Rochester; Rev. John M. Boggs, D.D. and Rev. James A. Anderson to the Presbytery of Binghamton.

XIII. **The Presbytery of Geneva** consists of twenty-eight ministers, twenty churches and has under its care one candidate.

Ministers received:

September 19, 1911, Rev. David N. Lyon from the Presbytery of Los Angeles; Rev. Mark G. Clayton from the Presbytery of Huntingdon; Rev. George A. Wilkeson from Northern New York Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Licentiate received:

April 18, 1911, Nevin D. Bartholomew from the Presbytery of Cayuga.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

April 18, 1911, between Rev. Samuel C. Gunn, D.D. and the Church of Romulus; between Rev. H. Bradley Sayre and the Church of West Fayette.

Ordinations:

April 20, 1911, E. Floyd Rippey;
May 18, Nevin D. Bartholomew.

Installations:

May 18, 1911, Rev. Nevin D. Bartholomew over the Church at Penn Yan;
September 26, Rev. Mark G. Clayton over the Church at Romulus.

Ministers dismissed:

April 20, 1911, Rev. E. Floyd Rippey to the Presbytery of Utica;
September 19, Rev. N. Beall Remick, D.D., to the Presbytery of Troy.

XIV. **The Presbytery of Hudson** consists of forty-nine ministers, forty-seven churches and has under its care three candidates.

Ministers received:

February 20, 1911, Rev. Robert Rogers from the Classis of Passaic;
May 2, Rev. Eric Allen from the Cong. Asso. of Washington and Northern Idaho;
July 1, Rev. Aziel Hull Fish from Presbytery of Denver;
September 19, Rev. Chas. H. Mattison from the Presbytery of Allahabad, India.

Candidates taken under the care of Presbytery:

April 19, 1911, Ephraim I. Gilmore, Elias Martin Gher.

Candidates licensed:

April 19, 1911, Ephraim I. Gilmore, Elias Martin Gher.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

November 9, 1910, between Rev. Adrian Van Oeveren and the Livingston Manor Church;
February 20, 1911, between Rev. Thos. D. Elder and the Montgomery Church; between Rev. Nicholas S. Becker and the Circleville Church;
September 19, between Rev. Frank C. Shultis and the Church at Hempstead; between Rev. Raymond C. White and the Weston Church.

Ordinations:

October 4, 1910, Ernest Hansel;
April 18, 1911, Ephraim I. Gilmore;
May 9, Elias M. Gher.

Installations:

October 4, 1910, Rev. Ernest Hansel over the Church at Amity;

May 2, 1911, Rev. Eric Allen over the Church at Liberty;

May 19, Rev. Elias M. Gher over the Church at Denton;

July 7, Rev. Aziel Hull Fish over the Nyack Church.

Ministers dismissed:

November 9, 1910, Rev. Adrian Van Oeveren to the Presbytery of New Castle;

February 20, 1911, Rev. Thos. D. Elder to Troy Presbytery;

April 14, Rev. Jas. A. Cowan to the Presbytery of Huntingdon;

September 19, Rev. Nicholas S. Becker to the Presbytery of Newton; Rev. Walter J. Campbell to the Presbytery of Carlisle.

XV. **The Presbytery of Long Island** consists of thirty-four ministers, twenty-three churches, and has under its care two licentiates and one candidate.

Ministers received:

November 17, 1910, Rev. Thos. J. Elms from the Presbytery of Philadelphia North;

April 18, 1911, Rev. William S. C. Webster, D.D., from the Presbytery of Newton; Rev. Thomas C. Ogburn, from the Presbytery of White River; Rev. Frank Diehl from the Presbytery of Monmouth;

April 19, Rev. Charles C. Hembree from the Presbytery of Potosi, Presbyterian Church in the United States.

Installations:

November 17, 1910, Rev. Horace H. Leavitt, Jr., over the Amagansett Church;

November 30, Rev. Thomas J. Elms over the Setauket Church.

Minister dismissed:

April 19, 1911, Rev. Richard S. Campbell, D.D., to the Presbytery of New York.

XVI. **The Presbytery of Lyons** consists of seventeen ministers and eighteen churches.

Ministers received:

April 4, 1911, Rev. Kingsley Norris from the New York Central Congregational Association.

Licentiate received:

April 4, 1911, Leon S. Lacy a deacon from Central New York Methodist Conference.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

July 31, 1911, between Rev. Alpheus P. Meeker, Ph. D., and the Church at Fairville.

Ministers dismissed:

April 4, 1911, Rev. E. J. Bulgin to the Presbytery of Fort Worth;

July 31, Rev. Alpheus P. Meeker to the Presbytery of Otsego; Rev. Edwin P. Robinson to the Presbytery of Niagara.

XVII. **The Presbytery of Nassau** consists of twenty-nine ministers, twenty-nine churches and has under its care one licentiate.

Ministers received:

October 4, 1910, Rev. Charles A. Watkins from the Presbytery of Brooklyn;
February 6, 1911, Rev. Archibald McCurrie from Kingston Presbytery, Canada;
April 11, Rev. George Haus Feltus from the St. Lawrence Presbytery;
Rev. J. Jeffry Johnstone, Ph.D., from the Presbytery of London South;
April 19, Rev. Herman G. Blaschke from the Presbytery of Elizabeth;
June 5, Rev. Jonathan Greenleaf from the Presbytery of Newton.

Candidate received:

April 11, 1911, Joel B. Hayden from the Presbytery of New York.

Licentiate received:

June 5, 1911, Eugene F. Berger from the Presbytery of Philadelphia.

Candidate licensed:

April 11, 1911, Joel B. Hayden.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

October 4, 1910, between Rev. David Yule and the Newtown Church;
October 24, between Rev. William Moyer and the New Hyde Park Church;
January 9, 1911, between Rev. William L. Darby and the Astoria Church;
April 11, between Rev. Ewing O. Chenoweth and the Brentwood Church.

Ordinations:

June 16, 1911, William P. Dunn;
June 20, Eugene F. Burger.

Installations:

October 20, 1910, Rev. Charles A. Watkins over the Church at Ocean Side;
February 14, 1911, Rev. Archibald McCurrie over the Flushing Church;
April 25, Rev. George H. Feltus over the Newtown Church;
April 27, Rev. Herman G. Blaschke over the Jamaica German Church;
May 29, Rev. J. Jeffrey Johnston over the Huntington First Church;
June 5, Rev. Jonathan Greenleaf over the Glen Cove Church;
June 20, Rev. Eugene F. Burger over the New Hyde Park Church.

Ministers dismissed:

October 4, 1910, Rev. James A. Norris to the Presbytery of Lexington;
October 24, Rev. William Moyer to the Presbytery of Bergen;
January 9, 1911, Rev. William E. Darby to the Presbytery of Fort Smith;
June 20, Rev. William P. Dunn to the Presbytery of Lackawanna;
Sept. 8, Rev. J. W. Dobias to the Presbytery of Houston.

Name dropped:

February 6, 1911, Rev. William Edward.

Ministers deceased:

November 13 1910, Rev. Ferdinand O. Zesch, Ph.D., aged 58; Rev. James B. French.

XVIII. **The Presbytery of New York** consists of one hundred and eighty-seven ministers, fifty-seven churches, one licentiate and thirty-four candidates.

Ministers received:

January 9, 1911, Rev. John M. Waddell from the Presbytery of Minnewauken; Rev. John Tron from the Presbytery of Rochester; Rev. Alexander H. McKinney, Ph.D., from the Presbytery of Rochester; Louis Moxedano from the Presbytery of Kansas City.

March 13, Rev. Albert Dale Gantz from the Presbytery of North River;

March 31, Rev. John Henry Jowett, D.D., from the Congregational Union of England and Wales;

April 10, Rev. William H. Foulkes, D.D., from the Presbytery of Portland; Rev. F. J. Panetta from the Presbytery of Philadelphia;

June 12, Rev. Thomas Fiske Savage from the New York and Brooklyn Association of Congregation Ministers;

October 2, Rev. Wm. Pierson Merrill, D.D., from the Presbytery of Chicago; Rev. Wm. P. Swartz, Ph.D., from the Presbytery of North River; Rev. George O. Tamblyn from the Presbytery of Jersey City; Rev. John Ellsworth Flemming from the Presbytery of Mahoning.

Candidates taken under care of Presbytery:

January 16, 1911, Louis H. Ordeli;

April 10, O. Clyde Weist, Frank Hamilton, Kenneth Dexter Miller, Harold R. Chidsey, Basil Douglas Hall, John Alexander Murray, Jachim Glazmo, Stephan Nawrotzky, Nicholas Podluski, Umberto Piccioti, Alexander Marchak, John Vavolo;

August 8, Warren Elsing;

October 2, John Boyce, Chalmers Holbrook, C. V. McLean, Gustav Winter.

Licentiates received:

June 12, 1911, Lowrie D. Cory from the Presbytery of Benecia;

October 2, Alexander M. Allan from the Presbytery of Dunedin, New Zealand.

Candidates from other Presbyteries:

January 9, 1911, Joel B. Hayden from the Presbytery of Carlisle;

March 13, Hugh L. Forman from the Presbytery of Wooster.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

November 13, 1910, between the Rev. James M. Farr and Christ Church;

March 1, 1911, between the Rev. Concie Leroy Butler, D.D., and St. James Church;

June 12, between the Rev. Jesse F. Forbes, D.D., and Adams Memorial Church;

July 1, between the Rev. Duncan J. McMillan, D.D., and the New York Church;

October 2, between the Rev. Harvey G. Furbay and First Union Church; between the Rev. George E. Merriam, Associate Pastor, and the Greenwich Church.

Ordinations:

January 25, 1911, Norman M. Thomas as an evangelist;
April 23, George C. Hood as an evangelist;
May 11, William M. Fincke as an evangelist;
June 28, Lowrie D. Cory as an evangelist.

Installations:

March 20, 1911, Rev. Albert Dale Gantz, over the Williamsbridge Church;
April 5, Rev. John Henry Jowett, D.D., over the Fifth Avenue Church;
April 27, Rev. William Hiram Foulkes, D.D., over the Rutgers Church;
October 1, Rev. Theodore Fiske Savage over Christ Church;
October 8, Rev. William P. Merrill, D.D., over the Brick Church.

Ministers dismissed:

November 14, 1910, Rev. Amos I. Dushaw to the Presbytery of St. Paul; Rev. A. R. Bichenbach to the Presbytery of Highlands;
January 9, 1911, Rev. George Dugan to the Presbytery of Albany;
March 31, Rev. Alfio Minutilla, D.D., to the Presbytery of Cleveland;
April 10, Rev. Albert Hahn to the Classis of New York;
October 2, Rev. Allan B. MacNeill to the Presbytery of Jersey City; Rev. Walter A. Henrichs to the Presbytery of Cheyenne; Rev. George E. Merriam to the New York and Brooklyn Association of Congregational Ministers; Rev. Harvey G. Furbay to the Presbytery of Butte.

Candidates transferred:

October 4, 1910, Adolph A. Swartz to the Presbytery of Pittsburgh;
November 4, Benajmin F. Glasco to the Presbytery of Chester;
February 23, 1911, Anton T. Boisen to the Presbytery of Brooklyn;
March 30, Joel B. Hayden to the Presbytery of Nassau;
August 3, Thomas Barbieri to the Presbytery of Elizabeth;
September 23, Umberto Beradelli to the Presbytery of Elizabeth.

Licentiates dismissed:

January 31, 1911, Melville B. Gurley to the Presbytery of Philadelphia North;
June 12, William R. Houston to the Presbytery of Lehigh.

Ministers deceased:

February 13, 1911, Rev. Erskine N. White, D.D., at New York City, age 77;
March 10, Rev. Benjamin O. Satterwhite in New York City, age 31;
March 26, Rev. Spencer L. Hillier in New York City, age 77;
April 3, Rev. Thomas S. Hastings, D.D., LL.D., at New York City, age 85;
June 10, Rev. James Chambers, D. D., at Norwich, N. Y., age 61;
August 6, Rev. William Wallace Atterbury, D.D., at Bennington, Vt., age 88;
August 26, Rev. John Bancroft Devins, D.D., at Brooklyn, N. Y., age 57.

Candidates licensed:
January 6, 1911, Norman N. Thomas;
April 10, William M. Fincke, George C. Hood, William R. Houston.

Minister dropped from the roll:
April 10, 1911, Rev. Samuel G. Miller, D.D., to become Independent.

Churches organized and enrolled:
November 7, 1910, Olmstead Ave. Presbyterian Church;
January 9, 1911, Chinese Presbyterian Church;
June 12, West and Park Churches were consolidated to form the West Park Presbyterian Church.

Churches dismissed:
April 10, 1911, Zion German Presbyterian Church to the Dutch Reformed Church.

XIX. **The Presbytery of Niagara** consists of thirty ministers, twenty-three churches, and has under its care one licentiate and four local evangelists.

Ministers received:
October 10, 1910, Rev. R. J. Campbell from the Presbytery of Buffalo;
April 17, 1911, Rev. C. B. Chapin, D.D., from the Presbytery of Rochester;
September 29, Rev. E. P. Robinson from the Presbytery of Lyons.

Licentiate received:
June 28, 1911, Grant Merchant from the Presbytery of Cayuga.

Candidate licensed:
April 17, 1911, J. C. Bromley.

Pastoral relations dissolved:
October 10, 1910, between Rev. Horace T. Chadsey and the Third Church of North Tonawanda;
April 17, 1911, between Rev. H. C. Millard and the Third Church, Niagara Falls;
August 11, between Rev. S. R. Brown and the Church at Somerset.

Ordination:
June 28, 1911, Grant Merchant.

Installation:
June 28, 1911, Rev. Grant Merchant over the Barre Centre Church.

Ministers dismissed:
October 10, 1910, Rev. Horace T. Chadsey to the Presbytery of Westchester;
April 17, 1911, Rev. S. Dwight Waterbury to the Presbytery of Detroit; Rev. Joseph S. Criswell to the Presbytery of Rochester; Rev. E. Trevor Cooke to the Presbytery of Maumee; Rev. H. C. Millard to the Presbytery of Rochester; Rev. S. R. Brown to the Presbytery of Washington.

Minister deceased:
Nov. 17, 1910, Rev. N. Foster Browne.

Rev. George C. Frost was elected Stated Clerk in place of Rev. H. T. Chadsey resigned.

XX. **The Presbytery of North Laos** consists of twenty ministers, eighteen churches and has one licentiate under its care.

XXI. **The Presbytery of North River** consists of forty-three ministers, thirty churches and has under its care two candidates.

Ministers received:

January 9, 1911, Rev. Roscoe C. Wight from the Evangelical Lutheran Church;

May 12, Rev. Jay N. Kugler from the Presbytery of Lehigh;

July 24, Rev. John McNab from the Presbytery of Albany;

October 2, Rev. C. Davis Van Wagoner from the Presbytery of Binghamton.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

February 14, 1911, between Rev. Albert D. Gautz and the New Hamburgh Church;

April 17, between Rev. Samuel K. Piercy and the Union Church, Newburgh;

April 18, between Rev. T. Darlington Jester and the Pleasant Plains Church;

July 24, between Rev. J. Walter Jordan and the South Amenia church;

October 3, between Rev. Ivan G. Martin and the Milton Church.

Installations:

February 2, 1911, Rev. Roscoe C. Wight over the Lloyd Highland Church;

May 12, Rev. Jay N. Kugler over the Marlborough Church.

Ministers dismissed:

February 14, 1911, Rev. Albert D. Gantz to the Presbytery of New York;

April 18, Rev. William P. Swartz, Ph.D., to the Presbytery of New York;

July 24, Rev. J. Walter Jordan to the Presbytery of San Francisco;

October 3, Rev. Ivan G. Martin to the Presbytery of Hudson.

Ministers deceased:

February 3, 1911, Rev. James A. MacGowan at Salt Point, aged 68 years;

October 3, local evangelist Arthur Worthington.

XXII. **The Presbytery of Otsego** consists of thirty-one ministers, thirty-one churches and has under its care two candidates.

Ministers received:

October 11, 1910, Rev. Frank E. Hoyt from the Presbytery of Wellsborough;

June 7, 1911, Rev. Edward C. Petrie from the Presbytery of Lackawanna;

September 20, Rev. Alpheus P. Meeker, Ph.D., from the Presbytery of Lyons;

Candidates taken under care of Presbytery:

April 18, 1911, Devello S. Haynes.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

November 7, 1910, between Rev. Sidney S. Conger and the Cooperstown Church;

January 16, 1911, between Rev. A. M. Forrester and the Margaretville Church;

May 8, between Rev. H. T. Chisholm and the First Church of Delhi.

Installations:

October 11, 1910, Rev. Frank E. Hoyt over the Meridale Church;
June 7, 1911, Rev. Edwin N. Kline over the East Meredith Church;
June 9, Rev. E. C. Petrie over the Cooperstown Church.

Ministers dismissed:

June 7, 1911, Rev. A. J. Langlois to Montreal Presbytery, Canada; Rev. Frank Willcock to the St. Lawrence Presbytery; Rev. H. T. Chisholm to the South Oregon Presbytery.

XXIII. **The Presbytery of Porto Rico** consists of fourteen ministers, twenty-eight churches, three licentiates, twenty-one candidates for the ministry and twenty helpers.

Minister received:

April 11, 1911, Rev. A. Roy Thompson from the Presbytery of Sacramento;

Candidates taken under care of Presbytery:

September 13, 1911, Ramon Rosario, Miguel Angel Valentin.

Candidates licensed:

April 12, 1911, Emilio Castillo; Angel Arroyo;
September 13, Miguel Martinez.

Minister dismissed:

September 13, 1911, Rev. Judson L. Underwood to the Presbytery of Larned.

Churches disbanded:

September 12, 1911, Hormigueros and Rosario.

XXIV. **The Presbytery of Rochester** consists of sixty-six ministers and fifty churches and has under its care two candidates.

Ministers received:

January 16, 1911, Rev. Almon C. Dodge, from the Presbytery of Utica;
February 28, Rev. Louis Ferdinand Mayle, from the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of New York; Rev. Warren Sage Stone, from the Presbytery of Genesee;
March 2, Rev. Charles J. Howell, from the Presbytery of Cayuga; Rev. Arthur Clements, from the Western New York Congregational Association;
April 10, Rev. Joseph Criswell, from the Presbytery of Niagara;
April 20, Rev. Henry C. Millard, from the Presbytery of Niagara; Rev. William W. Stoddart, from the Presbytery of Missouri, Presbyterian Church in the United States;
July 13, Rev. Charles Noble Frost, D.D., from the Presbytery of Steuben.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

December 5, 1910, between Rev. J. B. White and the Church at Groveland; between Rev. W. D. Jones and the Church of Webster;

February 28, 1911, between Rev. Samuel W. Steele and the Avon Central Church;

April 10, between Rev. Huston Taylor and Mt. Hor Church, Rochester between Rev. Charles B. Chapin, D.D., and Westminster Church, Rochester.

Installations:

November 15, 1910, Rev. A. D. D. Fraser, over the Moscow Church;

January 19, 1911, Rev. J. B. White, over the Gates Church;

February 7, Rev. Almon C. Dodge, over the Church of Springwater;

March 2, Rev. Warren S. Stone, over the First Church, Rochester;

March 6, Rev. Arthur Clements, over the East Side Church, Rochester;

April 20, Rev. W. W. Stoddart, over Memorial Church, Rochester;

May 9, Rev. Joseph Criswell, over the Church of Ossian;

May 22, Rev. Robert J. Drysdale, over the Mt. Hor Church, Rochester;

July 13, Rev. Charles Noble Frost, D.D., over the Avon Central Church.

Ministers dismissed:

November 15, 1910, Rev. John Tron, to the Presbytery of New York;

February 18, 1911, Rev. Samuel W. Steele, to the Presbytery of Syracuse;

April 10, Rev. Charles B. Chapin, D.D., to the Presbytery of Niagara; Rev. Charles C. Johnson, to the Congregational Association of Western New York;

April 20, Rev. Robert C. Higginbotham, to the Fairfield West Congregational Association;

September 25, Rev. Charles J. Howell, to the Presbytery of Cayuga; Rev. Smith Ordway, to the Presbytery of Newark; Rev. William D. Jones, to the Presbytery of Otsego.

Licentiate dismissed:

May 9, 1911, Mr. Oscar F. Albert, to the Presbytery of Northumberland.

Minister deceased:

February 14, 1911, Rev. Gavin L. Hamilton, at Rochester, N. Y., aged 79 years, 11 months, and 28 days.

XXV. **The Presbytery of St. Lawrence** consists of thirty-two ministers, thirty-five churches, and has under its care five candidates for the ministry.

Ministers received:

April 11, 1911, Rev. Winfred P. Moody from the Presbytery of Utica;

September 26, Rev. Horatio S. Beach from the Presbytery of Neosho; Rev. Frank Willcock from the Presbytery of Otsego; Rev. Henry H. Huntington on Certificate of Ordination given by a Council held July 6, 1911 in the Congregational Church, Milton, Mass.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

February 11, 1911, between Rev. George H. Feltus and Hope Church, Watertown;

June 18, between Rev. Louis M. Lawrence and the Church at Dexter.

Ordination:

May 14, 1911, Licentiate Nicola Conté at Watertown.

Installations:

October 6, 1910, Rev. Willard F. Randolph over the Carthage Church;

November 15, Rev. William H. Bruins over the Church at Theresa;

November 29, Rev. Walter Foss over the Church at Adams;

January 24, 1911, Rev. Elwood W. Middleton over the Church at Waddington;

February 23, Rev. Robert Duncan over the Church at Cape Vincent.

Ministers dismissed:

February 13, 1911, Rev. George Haws Feltus to the Presbytery of Nassau;

April 11, Rev. Daniel J. Many, Jr. to the Classis of Rensselaer;

September 25, Rev. Louis M. Lawrence to the Presbytery of Binghamton; Rev. George McCulloch to the Presbytery of Buffalo.

XXVI. **The Presbytery of Siam** consists of twelve ministers, twelve churches and has under its care two licentiates, eleven local Evangelists and one candidate.

XXVII. **The Presbytery of Steuben** consists of twenty-nine ministers, twenty-six churches, and has under its care two candidates.

Ministers received:

October 12, 1910, Rev. Thomas C. Bell from the Presbytery of Hudson; Rev. Isaiah B. Crist from the Presbytery of Northumberland;

September 19, 1911, Rev. Hamilton B. Williams, from the Presbytery of Athens.

Pastoral relation dissolved:

April 18, 1911, between Rev. Charles Noble Frost, D.D., and the Bath Church.

Installation:

October 12, 1910, Rev. Thomas C. Bell over the Church at Pulteney.

Ministers dismissed:

April 18, 1911, Rev. Charles Noble Frost, D.D., to the Presbytery of Rochester; Rev. Hiram D. Bacon to the Presbytery of Buffalo; Rev. David Street to the Presbytery of Utica.

Candidate transferred:

April 18, 1911, Leo A. Gates to the Presbytery of Cayuga.

XXVIII. **The Presbytery of Syracuse** consists of thirty-nine ministers, forty-three churches, two licentiates and has under its care two candidates.

Ministers received:

February 3, 1911, Rev. Albert C. Fulton from the Presbytery of Newark;

April 11, Rev. Samuel W. Steele from the Presbytery of Rochester; Rev. George W. Wellburn from the North Shields Station of the Primitive Methodist Connection, England;

May 11, Rev. H. B. Garabedian from the Central Association of Congregational Churches and Ministers of New York.

Candidate taken under care of Presbytery:

February 3, 1911, Leon J. Cochran.

Licentiate received:

September 18, 1911, H. E. Andrews from the Presbytery of Cayuga.

Candidate licensed:

April 11, 1911, Harry V. Bonner.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

December 12, 1910, between Rev. George Lusty and the Church of Constantia;

June 5, 1911, between Rev. Alfred R. Ehman and the Church of Onondaga Valley.

Installations:

October 11, 1910, Rev. G. M. Rowland over the Church of Whitelaw and the Church of Oneida Valley;

April 17, 1911, Rev. Samuel W. Steele over the Grace Church of Oswego;

May 11, Rev. Albert C. Fulton over the First Church of Syracuse;

June 12, Rev. H. B. Garabedian over the Church of Camillus.

Ministers dismissed:

December 12, 1910, Rev. George Lusty to the Classis of Hudson;

September 18, 1911, Rev. David Wills, Jr., D.D., to the Presbytery of Nassau.

Candidate transferred:

February 3, 1911, Paul R. Hoppe to the Presbytery of Binghamton.

Minister deceased:

April 1911, Rev. David McKibben Rankin, D.D.

XXIX. **The Presbytery of Troy** consists of forty ministers, thirty-nine churches and has under its care one licentiate and three candidates.

Ministers received:

April 17, 1911, Rev. William Stickney Ewell; Rev. Thomas D. Elder from the Presbytery of Hudson; Rev. John Neil Robertson from the Presbytery of Rock River; Rev. Arthur H. Allen; Rev. George A. Humphries from the Presbytery of Lehigh;

May 31, 1911, Rev. Rollin S. Chafer;

September 19, 1911, Rev. Ninian B. Remick, D.D., from the Presbytery of Geneva.

Candidate licensed:

September 19, 1911, Herman L. Meyer.

Pastoral relation dissolved:

September 25, 1911, Rev. Merton S. Fales and the Caldwell Church.

Installations:
April 27, 1911, Rev. Thomas D. Elder over the Church at Green Island;
May 10, Rev. George A. Humphries over the Memorial Church of Troy.
May 16, Rev. William Stickney Ewell over the Church at Hoosick Falls;

Candidates transferred:
May 31, 1911, John J. Barsam to the Presbytery of Flint.

Local evangelist:
April 17, 1911, Elder William H. Wilcox taken under care of Presbytery with a view to licensure as a local evangelist.

Local evangelist licensed:
September 19, 1911, William H. Wilcox.

XXX. **The Presbytery of Utica** consists of fifty-four ministers and forty-four churches, and has under its care six candidates.

Ministers received:
January 9, 1911, Rev. Arthur J. Wyman, from the Presbytery of Troy;
March 6, Rev. Edward C. Wiley, from the Presbytery of Champlain;
April 28, Rev. David Street, from the Presbytery of Steuben;
May 17, Rev. Wesley W. Cole, from the Presbytery of Albany; Rev. Edwin Floyd Rippey, from the Presbytery of Geneva.

Candidate taken under care of Presbytery:
April 11, 1911, Edward W. Perry.

Pastoral relations dissolved:
November 7, 1910, between Rev. Leroy L. Daniel and the "Mount Vernon" Church, Vernon;
Dec. 31, between Rev. Almon C. Dodge and the Church at Augusta;
April 1, 1911, between Rev. Winfred P. Moody and the Church at Camden.

Installations:
October 6, 1910, Rev. William E. Kimball, D.D., over the Church at Sauquoit;
October 21, Rev. Frank W. West, over the Church at Vernon Center;
January 12, 1911, Rev. Arthur J. Wyman, over the Church at Little Falls:
May 17, Rev. Edwin Floyd Rippey, over the Church at Camden;
May 24, Rev. Wesley W. Cole, over the "Mount Vernon" Church, Vernon.

Ministers dismissed:
November 7, 1910, Rev. Leroy L. Daniel to the Presbytery of Lackawanna;
December 13, Rev. Almon C. Dodge to the Presbytery of Rochester;
March 6, 1911, Rev. Winfred P. Moody to the Presbytery of St. Lawrence;
September 26, Rev. John M. Williams to the Welch Congregational Association of Eastern Iowa.

Licentiate transferred:
May 17, 1911, Henry W. Smith to the care of the Presbytery of Chemung.

Ministers deceased:

November 26, 1910, Rev. Jeremiah Petrie, at Herkimer, N. Y., aged 86 years.
December 23, Rev. David I. Biggar, at North Litchfield, N. Y., aged 75 years.
February 1, 1911, Rev. Clarence H. Beebe, at Vernon, N. Y., aged 75 years.
February 24, Rev. Samuel Jessup, D.D., at Oneida, N. Y., aged 78 years.

XXXI. **The Presbytery of Westchester** consists of seventy-seven ministers, forty-three churches, and has under its care one local evangelist, one licentiate and five candidates.

Ministers received:

November 3, 1910, the Rev. Horace T. Chadsey from the Presbytery of Niagara;
April 18, 1911, the Rev. Daniel Russell, D.D., from the Presbytery of Pittsburgh;
May 1, Rev. Joseph H. Hollister from the Presbytery of Columbia;
October 3, Rev. James W. Rae from the Presbytery of London of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

Candidates taken under the care of Presbytery:

January 17, 1911, Nicola Caterina;
April 18, Richard C. I. Othen;
October 3, Thomas Rudy and George R. Brunges.

Licentiate received:

April 18, 1911, Albert A. Marquardt from the Tolland Association of Congregational Ministers of Connecticut.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

July 1, 1911, between the Rev. William D. Perry and the Pleasantville Church;
July 15, between the Rev. William B. Waller and the Greenwich First Church.

Ordinations:

April 18, 1911, Jacob L. Hartzell and Albert A. Marquardt as evangelists.

Installations:

November 3, 1910, the Rev. Horace T. Chadsey over the First Church of Springfield, Mass.;
June 2, 1911, the Rev. Daniel Russell, D.D., over the Irvington Church;
June 6, the Rev. Joseph H. Hollister over the First Church of Mt. Vernon, N. Y.

Ministers dismissed:

November 3, 1910, the Rev. Robert G. Davey, D.D., to the Presbytery of Newark:
April 17, 1911, the Rev. Irving E. White to the Litchfield North West Association of Congregational Ministers of Connecticut;
June 20, the Rev. David Oastler to the Presbytery of Butte, and the Rev. Edwin P. Essick to the Presbytery of Chemung;

July 1, the Rev. William D. Perry to the Presbytery of Kansas City;
October 2, the Rev. Dean R. Leland to the Presbytery of Nebraska City and the Rev. Jacob L. Hartzell to the Presbytery of Cincinnati.

Ministers deceased:

January 17, 1911 at Pleasantville, N. Y., the Rev. Joseph Dixon, aged 57 years;
July 1 at Brooklyn, N. Y., the Rev. Alexander Miller, aged 78 years.

SUMMARY

Ministers	1309	Licentiates and Local Evangelists	79
Churches	964	Candidates	120

II. CHANGES IN PRESBYTERIES.

Brooklyn: Rev. Joseph G. Snyder, Stated Clerk.

III. WOMEN'S COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS.

Presbytery of Albany—Mrs. Henry T. McEwen, Mrs. Lucy C. Lester, Mrs. Isaac V. W. Grant, Mrs. William J. Milne, Mrs. A. R. Olney, Miss Mary Green, Mrs. E. C. Lawrence, Miss Augusta H. Lockwood.

Binghamton—Mrs. Howard Elmer, Mrs. John J. Lawrence, Mrs. H. A. Clark, Mrs. G. Murray Colville.

Boston—Mrs. J. P. MacPhie, Mrs. M. D. Kneeland, Mrs. N. J. Sproul, Mrs. William Tufts, Mrs. James Matheson.

Brooklyn—Mrs. Wm. A. M. Grier, Mrs. James M. Ham, Mrs. L. B. Warner.

Buffalo—Mrs. John C. Bryant, Mrs. Fred K. Eaton, Mrs. Alfred Haines, Mrs. Louis M. Kimball, Mrs. William H. Walker, Miss Kate E. Putnam, Mrs. Charles H. Seymour, Mrs. Sidney McDougall.

Cayuga—Mrs. Ezra A. Huntington, Mrs. James Seymour, Mrs. R. B. Welch, Mrs. Henry G. Wise, Mrs. J. S. Manro, Mrs. A. M. Dulles.

Champlain—Mrs. John A. McIntosh, Mrs. H. C. Cavanagh, Mrs. F. W. Loveless.

Chemung—Mrs. C. F. Carrier, Mrs. R. H. Evans, Mrs. George J. Magee, Mrs. William Pellet, Mrs. George W. Warren, Mrs. M. E. Norton, Mrs. Bentley.

Columbia—Mrs. S. F. Herendeen, Mrs. Truman Johnson, Mrs. George C. Yeisley.

Genesee—Mrs. O. L. C. Arnold, Mrs. M. E. Prentice.

Geneva—Mrs. Anna Herendeen, Mrs. T. C. Maxwell, Mrs. B. F. Prichard, Mrs. Charles Lester.

Hudson—Mrs. George H. Bonsall, Mrs. Mary S. Marsh, Mrs. Francis S. Haines, Mrs. Alexander Thompson.

Long Island—Miss Sara J. Adams, Miss Mary Hubbard Howell, Mrs. Epher Whitaker, Mrs. Emily C. Hedges.

Lyons—Mrs. S. S. Peirson, Mrs. Pheba A. Vary, Miss Bedortha B. Ryerson.

Nassau—Mrs. John H. Prall, Mrs. Theo. W. Smith, Miss Amelia Blyndenburgh.

New York—Mrs. Silas B. Brownell, Mrs. John Sinclair, Mrs. Kiliaen Van Rensselaer, Mrs. James Yereance, Mrs. James M. Gifford, Mrs. James E. Ware, Mrs. Seymour M. Ballard, Mrs. Henry C. Smith,

Niagara—Mrs. Daniel Clark, Mrs. C. L. Hoag, Mrs. Robert Norton.

North River—Mrs. Morgan Carpenter, Mrs. LeRoy C. Cooley,

Otsego—Mrs. W. D. Jones, Mrs. W. H. Wilson, Mrs. F. H. Watkins.

Rochester—Mrs. J. P. Adams, Mrs. Edward Bristol, Mrs. Julia M. Davis, Mrs. E. A. Webster, Miss A. C. Barton, Mrs. E. D. Chapin, Mrs. B. L. Search, Mrs. H. M. Gilt.

St. Lawrence—Mrs. H. L. Smith, Mrs. J. P. Bonney, Mrs. D. A. Ferguson, Mrs. Rufus L. Sisson.

Steuben—Mrs. George W. Nichols, Mrs. Stanley C. Swift, Mrs. Russell M. Tuttle, Mrs. F. A. Williams.

Syracuse—Mrs. Irving G. Vann, Mrs. Donald Dey, Mrs. Francis Hendricks, Mrs. Orson L. White, Mrs. James C. Bennett, Mrs. Lucius M. Kinne.

Troy—Mrs. W. V. Baker, Mrs. Norman Cole, Mrs. Edward N. Dauchy, Mrs. L. H. Sherman, Mrs. R. B. Stiles, Mrs. C. L. Wells, Mrs. William E. Marden, Miss May A. Philip, Mrs. Lewis W. Raymond.

Utica—Miss Anna L. Greenman, Mrs. L. T. Sherrill, Mrs. H. H. Allen, Miss Isabel M. Terrett, Mrs. J. G. Kilbourn.

Westchester—Mrs. A. F. Avery, Mrs. James Gibson, Jr., Mrs. T. M. Niven, Mrs. George Sypher, Miss M. C. Foster, Mrs. A. C. McMillan.

IV. TRUSTEES OF SYNOD.

President—Rev. Charles S. Lane.

Secretary—John T. D. Blackburn.

Treasurer—Edwin T. Hanford.

Terms expiring in 1912: Rev. John F. Carson, D.D., Rev. Francis S. Haines, William Thompson, Clarence G. Seward.

Terms expiring in 1913: Rev. David G. Wylie, D.D., Rev. A. Cameron MacKenzie, D.D., Rush Taggart, Thomas Dransfield.

Terms expiring in 1914: Rev. Anthony H. Evans, D.D., Rev. Charles S. Lane, Edwin T. Hanford, Sanford R. Knapp.

Ex-officio: Rev. Martin D. Kneeland, D.D., Rev. J. Wilford Jacks, D.D., Rev. Daniel A. Ferguson, D.D., John T. D. Blackburn.

By action of Synod, the Trustees are authorized and empowered to take and receive on behalf of the Synod of New York, and in its name, for religious, educational, benevolent or charitable purposes, such gifts, devises, bequests, grants or conveyances of real or personal estate, as in their judgment shall be proper, and to make such applications and provisions as in their discretion they may deem advisable, for the purpose of carrying out and performing the trusts upon which such gifts, devises, bequests, grants or conveyances may be received.

FORM OF BEQUEST.

I give and bequeath to the Synod of New York (of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America) incorporated under the laws of the State of New York, the sum of dollars, to be held or expended by the trustees of said Synod, in conformity with the provisions of said Laws, and the By-laws of said Synod.

V. SUCCESSION OF MODERATORS.

	Name	Presbytery	Place
1882.	*Henry A. Nelson, D.D., *Convener*	Geneva	Utica
1882.	*Howard Crosby, D.D	New York	Utica
1883.	James McLeod, D.D.	Buffalo	New York
1884.	*John McC. Holmes, D.D.	Albany	Buffalo
1885.	*L. Merrill Miller, D.D	St. Lawrence	Troy
1886.	*Joseph E. Nassau, D.D	Genesee	Elmira
1887.	*Charles C. Wallace, D.D	Boston	Auburn
1888.	*T. Ralston Smith, D.D	Buffalo	Syracuse
1889.	*Samuel Jessup, D.D.	Utica	Poughkeepsie
1890.	Andrew V. V. Raymond, D.D	Albany	Lockport
1891.	Asa S. Fiske, D.D.	Cayuga	Watertown
1892.	*Levi Parsons, D.D	Rochester	Albany
1893.	*James Gardner, D.D	Albany	Rochester
1894.	George C. Yeisley, D.D.	Columbia	New York
1895.	Howard Duffield, D.D	New York	Binghamton
1896.	Ralph E. Prime, LL.D. (Elder)	Westchester	Brooklyn
1897.	*Joseph Gamble, D.D	Champlain	Utica
1898.	A. Cameron MacKenzie, D.D	Binghamton	Elmira
1899.	James H. Robinson, D.D	Otsego	Troy
1900.	David G. Wylie, D.D.	New York	Geneva
1901.	William Waith, Ph.D.	Buffalo	Buffalo.
1902.	*William K. Hall, D.D	North River	Albany..
1903.	*William M. Johnson, D.D.	Troy	Ithaca
1904.	Dana W. Bigelow, D.D.	Utica	Middletown
1905.	Isaac Jennings, D.D	Chemung	Syracuse

*Deceased.

1906.	Anthony H. Evans, D.D.	New York	Lockport
1907.	*Samuel W. Pratt, D.D	Steuben	Brooklyn
1908.	John F. Carson, D.D.	Brooklyn	Kingston
1909.	Willis J. Beecher, D.D.	Cayuga	Johnstown
1910.	James Robertson	St. Lawrence	Rochester
1911.	Martin D. Kneeland, D.D	Boston	Auburn

VI. STANDING RULES.

I.

The annual meetings of Synod shall begin on the third Tuesday of October at half-past seven o'clock, P.M. The officers of Synod shall be a Moderator to be chosen at the beginning of each annual meeting; a Stated Clerk, a Permanent Clerk, and a Treasurer, each of whom shall be chosen for a term of five years, and such Temporary Clerks as shall be chosen at each annual meeting. In case of vacancy in the office of Stated Clerk, Permanent Clerk or Treasurer, which shall occur by reason of resignation, death, removal from the bounds of Synod, or from membership of the Presbytery or Church in the Synod, the Moderator, or if he be inaccessible, the last elected Moderator shall appoint, ad interim, a minister or elder to the vacant office, who shall hold the same until Synod shall fill the office. In case any officer of Synod shall by sickness, absence, or otherwise, be incapacitated from performance of the duties of his office, a minister or elder shall in like manner be appointed to perform the duties of the office until the incapacity shall end or until Synod shall take action.

II.

The Moderator and the Stated and Permanent Clerks shall be a standing Committee to report, from year to year, on the place of the next meeting, which shall be designated prior to the adjournment, and a Committee of Arrangements shall be appointed, who shall provide suitable accommodations for the Synod and entertainment for its members, recommend the limits of the daily sessions, and propose arrangements for popular meetings.

The Stated Clerk of the Synod shall be a member of the Committee of Arrangements for every meeting of Synod. The first order of business, on the second day of the meeting of Synod, after the appointment of Committees and calling of the roll, shall be the hearing of and action upon reports of officers of Synod and of special Committees appointed at previous meetings of Synod.

III.

The morning sessions of the Synod shall be opened with devotional services to be continued not less than half an hour.

IV.

Each Presbytery shall, at its Stated Meeting next preceding the meeting of the Synod, and if possible, not later than two weeks before such meeting,

elect the number of delegates to which it is entitled, together with an equal number of alternates as prescribed by the organic rule under which the Synod is constituted, namely:

"The Synod of New York shall be composed of equal delegations of Ministers and Ruling Elders from the several Presbyteries in the following proportion: Each Presbytery, the number of whose Ministers and Churches added together is not more than twenty, shall send one Minister and one Elder and so in like proportion for every twenty Ministers and Churches added together, or for any remaining fraction thereof, not less than one-half: Provided that no Presbyetry shall be entitled to send more than ten Ministers and ten Elders."

V.

The Stated Clerk of each Presbytery, immediately after the election, shall send to the Stated Clerk of the Synod a certified list of the delegates and alternate delegates chosen by the Presbytery to represent it at the Synod. When alternate delegates appear in place of their principals, such delegates shall report in person to the Clerks of the Synod before their names shall be substituted upon the roll.

Duplicate lists of delegates and alternates shall be sent promptly by the Stated Clerks of the Presbyteries to the Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements.

VI.

The Stated and Permanent Clerks shall have the privileges of the floor and the chairmen of the committees, appointed at a previous session to report to the Synod, shall be entitled to participate in debate when their reports are under consideration.

Ministers of other Synods, and of bodies in correspondence with the General Assembly, may be elected corresponding members, and the members nominating them shall report immediately to the Stated Clerk, in writing, the names of such ministers in full, their Synodical or equivalent ecclesiastical relations and their post office addresses.

VII.

In case of the failure of the Moderator, the Annual Meeting shall be opened with a sermon by a Minister of the Synod designated by the committee of Arrangements.

VIII.

A complete roll of the Ministers and Churches of each Presbytery, and a Statistical Report and History of its Acts and Changes for the year preceding, as required by the form of Government, Chap. X, Sec. 9, shall be sent by its Stated Clerk to the Stated Clerk of the Synod, as soon as practicable after the Fall Stated Meeting of the Presbytery; and the statistical reports shall be printed in the Appendix to the minutes.

IX.

The following Standing Committees shall be appointed by the Moderator at every annual meeting:

1. Bills and Overtures.

2. Judicial Business.
3. Minutes of General Assembly.
4. Finance.
5. Leave of Absence.
6. To nominate Visitors to Theological and other educational institutions.
7. To nominate Woman's Synodical Committee on Home Missions.
8. To nominate Trustees of the Synod.
9. On the Records of the several Presbyteries.
10. To collate the Reports on Presbyterial Records.
11. In every year of even number a Committee to nominate the Permanent Committees for the ensuing two years, as follows: I. Systematic Beneficence. II. Home Missions. III. Foreign Missions. IV. Education. V. Publication and Sabbath School Work. VI. Church Erection. VII. Ministerial Relief. VIII. Missions to Freedmen. IX. Aid for Colleges. X. Young People's Societies. XI. Sabbath Observance. XII. Temperance. Such permanent committees to consist each of four ministers and three ruling elders.

X.

In all cases not otherwise provided for by its own regulations, the Synod shall be governed in its proceedings by the General rules of Judicatories appended to the Form of Government, as amended by the General Assembly.

XI.

All papers intended for the Synod or its Committees shall be delivered to the Stated Clerk, and reported by him before being referred.

XII.

The Stated Clerk shall have authority to print in the minutes, abstracts of extended reports, excepting those portions which contain resolutions or recommendations adopted by the Synod.

XIII.

To provide for the necessary expenses of the Synod, the several Presbyteries shall furnish, annually, amounts proportioned to the number of their communicants, according to a rate per capita determined at the previous meetings of the Synod. And if no action has been taken, the rate shall be seven mills for each communicant.

These sums shall be due and payable to the Treasurer on the first of October, when the Synod's fiscal year shall terminate.

XIV.

The Treasurer shall be authorized to pay the salaries and the traveling expenses of the Stated and Permanent Clerks in attending the sessions of the Synod; and all charges incurred under the standing orders or special resolutions of the Synod, upon the certificate of the Stated Clerk. His accounts and vouchers shall be presented at the annual meeting, and shall be audited by the Committee on Finance.

No appropriations shall be made from the Synodical funds without first being referred to the Committee on Finance, and reported upon by that committee. And all appropriations shall lapse if not called for before the close of the Synodical year.

XV.

Vacancies occurring between the annual sessions of the Synod in any of its committees may be filled *ad interim* by the Moderator.

XVI.

An Executive Commission shall be appointed of which the Moderator of the Synod shall be the chairman ex officio, one minister and one elder shall be appointed annually hereafter to serve for three years. The work of this Commission shall be along the lines of the Executive Commission of the General Assembly, as far as applicable to the work of our Synod.

XVII.

The Minutes of the Synod shall be printed, under the direction of the Stated Clerk, as soon as practicable after the adjournment; and a copy shall be sent to every minister, to every elder on the roll, and to the Session of each vacant church, within the bounds, severally, of those Presbyteries whose apportionments for Synodical expenses have been paid.

VII. NECROLOGY.

During the past year unusually large inroads have been made upon our ministerial ranks and many of our best known and most respected leaders in the Church have been called home. Twenty-eight ministers to have passed from the Church Militant to the Church Triumphant. Many have attained great age and have exercised a commanding influence in the places where they were known.

Rev. Thomas S. Hastings, D.D., LL.D., the well known theological teacher, Rev. Erskine N. White, D.D., the efficient Secretary of the Board of Church Erection; two influential Moderators of the Synod, Rev. John McClellan Holmes, D.D., and Rev. Samuel Jessup, D.D.; the energetic and congenial Editor, Rev. John B. Devins, D.D., with those men of gentle spirit, Rev. William W. Atterbury, D.D., Rev. James Chambers, D.D., and Rev. Gavin L. Hamilton.

Earnest pastors as Rev. Rice V. Hunter, D.D., James A. MacGowan, Rev. Ferdinand O. Zesch, Ph.D., and Rev. Clarence H. Beebe. Many veterans of the Cross, after a long service have entered into rest. Among them may be noted, Rev. Messrs. Jeremiah Petrie, Henry C. Fay, Alexander Miller, J. Foster Browne, John Cairns, David I. Biggar, James A. F. McBain, D.D., James B. French, David McK. Rankin, D.D., and Spencer L. Hillier. Others have finished their earthly work early, being called home, including Rev. Messrs. Joseph Dixon, Francis E. Smith, Benjamin O. Satter-white, Albert Watson, Joseph H. Gibb and Albert Worthington.

We rejoice that so many years of ministerial service have been granted them, that they have wrought well their part in their several spheres and trust they

have all heard that "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord!"

VIII. PERMANENT COMMITTEES.

I. Executive Commission. *Ministers*—Martin D. Kneeland, William H. Hubbard, David G. Wylie, George B. Stewart; *Elders*—William McCarrell, Rush Taggart, Edmund P. Platt.

II. Home Missions: *Ministers*—Duncan J. McMillan, James A. McWilliams, Douglas P. Birnie, N. Woolsey Wells; *Elders*—John A. Murray, Henry Cole Smith, William B. Hills, D.D.S.

III. Foreign Missions: *Ministers*—C. Waldo Cherry, Charles McKenzie, Thornton B. Mills, William H. Sybrandt; *Elders*—John T. D. Blackburn, Paul Cook, Norman B. Sherry.

IV. Education: *Ministers*—R. Lew Williams, George W. Warren, William W. Weller, Theodore M. Carlisle; *Elders*—E. B. Russell, Dr. J. C. Fisher, A. P. Storrs.

V. Publication and Sunday School Work: *Ministers*—Asher B. Temple, J. Scott King, Francis S. Haines, Rufus B. Marks; *Elders*—Augustus Denniston, Edwin T. Hanford, Harold B. Woodward.

VI. Church Erection: *Ministers*—Frank M. Kerr, James M. Denton, Benjamin E. Dickhaut, Samuel H. Seem; *Elders*—J. Carl Schmuck, John H. Prall, Edwin W. Rowley.

VII. Ministerial Relief: *Chairman*, Charles S. Butler, D.D.S.; *Ministers*—George C. Yeisley, Christopher G. Hazard; *Elders*—Edward D. Ibbotson, Robert Cluett, Edgar C. Leonard, W. W. Rice.

VIII. Freedmen: *Ministers*—J. Lyon Caughey, Clarence W. Dunham, Charles G. Ellis, John R. Mackay; *Elders*—LeRoy C. Cooley, V. A. D. Reed, Benjamin P. Wayne.

IX. College Aid: *Ministers*—John C. Ball, Frederick W. Palmer, Allen Macy Dulles, A. Cameron MacKenzie; *Elders*—Rathbun J. Hunt, C. C. Swan, H. N. Daggett.

X. Young People's Societies: *Ministers*—Andrew N. Brodie, Frank B. Cowan, John A. McIntosh, William F. Skinner; *Elders*—Rufus L. Sisson, John S. Pettit, George B. Massey.

XI. Temperance: *Ministers*—Charles P. Coit, James T. Badgely, Edwin H. Dickinson, John W. Ross; *Elders*—Lewis D. Collins, H. Osgood Holland, J. B. Scoville.

XII. Lord's Day Observance: *Ministers*—Martin D. Kneeland, Lester M. Conrow, H. L. Manchester, John P. MacPhie; *Elders*—Robert Gallagher, Dr. J. L. Guptell, Gilbert M. Stalker.

XIII. Synodical Missions: *Elders*—Geo. P. Conard, Albert P. Stevens, D. C. Hurd, E. P. Platt, Paul Cook, James Alexander; *Ministers*—Henry T. McEwen, James H. Robinson, Geo. Fairlee, William S. Webster, Charles G. Ellis, V. N. Yergin, A. H. Allen.

IX. THE SYNOD OF NEW YORK.

	Presb's	Ministers	Licent's.	Loc. Evan.	Candidates	Churches	Elders	Deacons	Added on Ex.	Added on Cer.	Restored	Dismissed	Susp. Roll	Deceased	Net Total	Bap. Conf.	Bap. Infants
SYNOD OF NEW YORK	31	1311	32	45	176	968	4625	1610	8608	5807	602	5401	8136	2743	210947	2776	4955
1. Albany		66				49	243	90	347	299	25	229	611	151	10,619	101	197
2. Binghamton		37				32	154	56	192	203	5	182	283	94	6409	118	67
3. Boston		69			10	40	212	63	460	330	36	267	634	117	7810	74	320
4. Brooklyn		96			17	48	298	228	1251	590	30	489	958	228	19,685	164	766
5. Buffalo		60	1	1	8	58	331	82	403	307	106	282	546	126	12,666	107	274
6. Cayuga		37	10	9	5	22	133	42	235	116	9	102	518	86	4979	130	85
7. Champlain		16			2	21	61	11	56	51	1	31	83	44	2161	21	45
8. Chemung		22			1	22	86	18	108	80	1	60	104	43	3163	73	37
9. Chile		18	3		40	15	40	40	89	55		92	71	10	904	77	47
10. Columbia		17		1		19	56	8	56	29	3	24	40	37	1789	29	23
11. Eastern Persia		12				4									204		
12. Genesee		23			1	18	102	19	127	63	12	64	66	69	3622	53	32
13. Geneva		25	1		1	20	121	57	165	107	16	112	167	69	5403	59	95
14. Hudson		48	1	1	3	47	180	20	316	150	9	141	81	114	7061	98	195
15. Long Island		35	2		1	23	111	17	146	75	12	51	14	66	4054	63	65
16. Lyons		18				18	99	17	272	68	1	76	132	55	3224	171	48
17. Nassau		29	1			29	123	33	121	126	2	199	118	51	3907	29	117
18. New York		189	1	1	33	59	400	309	1420	958	128	1005	1537	308	31,681	187	914
19. Niagara		28	1		4	23	112	19	159	152	4	138	119	46	4241	57	117
20. North Laos		20	1			18									4129		
21. North River		43			2	30	151	50	233	124	14	155	153	106	5807	92	102
22. Otsego		32			2	31	116	29	153	73	8	91	90	68	3762	75	51
23. Porto Rico		14	2	20	21	30	64	17	236	94	9	136	279	48	2565	201	94
24. Rochester		69	1		2	50	276	49	416	425	31	306	413	168	14,276	140	304
25. St. Lawrence		32	1		5	35	156	19	191	61	22	106	316	110	5298	86	94
26. Siam		12	2	11	1	12	23	4	112	10		2		3	719	110	18
27. Steuben		29			2	26	127	19	131	93		80	139	60	4557	77	47
28. Syracuse		40	1		2	43	219	74	257	241	46	228	225	104	7963	118	180
29. Troy		39	1		4	39	206	86	216	159	30	189	186	114	8463	76	161
30. Utica		55	1		6	44	208	34	248	220	26	181	82	115	8723	110	141
31. Westchester		81	1	1	3	43	217	100	492	548	16	383	171	133	11,103	80	319

X. CHAIRMEN OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

1. Arrangements—Rev. Andrew M. Brodie, D.D.
2. Place of Meeting in 1913—Rev. Martin D. Kneeland, D.D.
3. Presbyterian Brotherhood—Rev. J. Milton Thompson, D.D.
4. Elmira College—Rev. John C. Ball, p. 19.
5. Proposed Synod of New England—Rev. Martin D. Kneeland, D. D., p. 28
6. Devotional Exercises in Synod—Rev. Henry Ward, D.D., p. 28.
7. To Defend the Synod in Judicial Case—Elder Ralph E. Prime, LL.D., p. 33.
8. Students in Non Presbyterian Institutions—Rev. George B. Stewart, D.D., p. 35.
9. Divorce and Remarriage—Elder Ralph E. Prime, LL.D., p. 43.
10. Auburn Seminary—Rev. William L. Sawtelle, p. 44.

IX. THE SYNOD OF NEW YORK

S. S. Mem.	Home Miss.	Foreign Miss.	Education	Sub. Sch. Work	Church Erection	Relief Fund	Freedmen	Colleges	Temperance	General Assembly	Congregational	Miscellaneous
167,733	409,887	1,340,631	14,112	24,963	20,285	29,492	31,135	519,409	13,293	24,755.53	3,119,368	367,613
9142	14,444	12,937	689	1066	565	1068	682	1028	646	1,312.68	145,852	7496
4878	8109	4233	1468	837	374	624	513	384	379	665.95	65,223	2781
6571	3191	3388	340	885	443	327	683	198	269	959.72	126,421	10,578
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11,231	31,386	27,582	844	1679	1932	2100	3377	2893	517	1,479.00	236,204	42,005
4146	5067	5936	571	557	457	687	1535	423	718	616.78	58,098	855
1727	2491	2491	100	333	89	205	368	113	194	319.42	31,055	482
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1098	2150	1324	275	181	123	297	366	83	115	175.30	19,240	2528
3255	2496	3091	218	565	208	295	658	208	315	429.48	54,126	435
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3042	2432	1764	96	354	89	161	164	75	232	401.36	28,733	363
3473	3634	2996	230	626	249	371	470	216	578	465.12	59,336	1506
21,354	182,891	1160,246	2649	4783	6208	9746	5704	507,418	615	4,004.00	655,888	152,291
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2887	2687	1584	177	461	157	377	286	114	137	434.74	40,557	1222
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12,179	13,410	12,743	477	910	457	833	3389	375	1263	1,849.70	226,358	45,958
4291	7591	3325	241	523	194	382	716	296	184	603.24	55,733	1612
549		210									577	50
3465	2800	2954	135	372	145	225	507	130	247	506.88	41,223	1833
6840	9752	7281	451	646	273	1825	525	315	432	879.36	115,862	5322
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7155	10,928	9358	406	824	343	795	757	393	228	916.82	87,006	32,030
8476	21,917	14,727	736	2483	2313	2154	2290	1287	1329	1,508.68	229,695	8761

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